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Legalize Public Community Potlucks in Oregon - Sign the Petition

At this year's State Grange convention in Baker City, the Oregon State Grange adopted a resolution to support legalizing public community potlucks across Oregon. The members of White Clover Grange #784 in Nehalem, Tillamook County, are working to educate their legislators about this issue by baking them homemade pies. That sure got their attention! As a result, the Grange has garneredtheir support.

The White Clover Grange is working with their state representative and senator to develop language for a bill for the next legislative session. It's also possible that the Governor will direct the Oregon Health Authority to change the administrative rules before then. Fingers crossed!

In early September White Clover's President, Jennifer Childress, and the OSG President, Susan Noah, went to the state capitol and were interviewed by news media.

In the meantime, our Brothers and Sisters are seeking help to raise awareness. One of the first ways Grange members across the state can help is by signing the Change.orgpetition. Stay tuned for additional ways to support this effort. Thank you!

To sign the petition go to: www.change.org/p/legalize-pot-lucks-in-oregon





160th National Grange Annual Convention in November

The 160th Annual Convention of the National Grange is fast approaching and Oregon will be represented by Oregon's President Susan Noah, a member of the National Grange Executive Committee, and her husband Mark Noah, OSG Secretary. This year the convention is being held in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, November 9th – 14th.

While some awards will be presented during convention the majority will be presented the following week virtually and streamed online on Facebook Live and the National Grange YouTube channel on Friday November 20 starting at 5:30 pm PST.

Oregon has the potential of being called out numerous times over the evening in several categories. Five Oregon Community Granges: Creswell #496, Lorane #54, Marys River #685, Redland #796, and Springwater #263 along with Clackamas County Pomona #1 have qualified for the National Distinguished Grange award and recipients will be honored both at the National Grange Convention, as well as on the National Grange Honors Night. The Honors Night will also include the Grange Hall of Fame inductions and departmental awards for the 2025/2026 Grange year, including Granges in Action of which Oregon had several apply.

For details on the broadcast check the National Grange website nationalgrange.org and the National Grange Facebook page.

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The President's Column



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As I step back into the role of President of the Oregon State Grange, I do so with the hope that we are poised for growth. As of the end of last year we showed some substantial losses in many of our Granges. Probably partially due to the dues raise for the National Grange and three Granges that were declared Dormant perhaps a holdover from the Covid epidemic, but no matter the reason we lost more members than we welcomed.

The second quarter is trending upwards and I believe that we are turning the losses into a sustainable pattern of growth. Based on the second quarter I think that a net gain is attainable by the end of the year. We still have a ways to go, but Oregon has shown a net gain in membership in six out of the last nine years, leaving me optimistic that we will continue on this path.

While we all seem to measure our growth by membership gain, there are other ways to measure the success of your Grange. Are you raising the profile of your Grange by engaging in community activities? Are you bringing in potential members by offering lecturers, fun nights, or planned meal activities? When working with others in the community do you promote your local Grange? So many ways to get our name out there and to be a positive force in your community. Growth is not just about how many new members you bring in, it is also about encouraging your members to grow into leadership roles and highlighting their talents and abilities.

As the summer comes to an end I am also looking forward to next year by making plans for a series of conferences around the state. I plan on at least one conference in every county, more if it is a larger area. These conferences will include information on by-laws, running a Grange meeting, officer duties, and leadership. Sort of a "Grange 101". If your Grange is interested in hosting one of these conferences please contact me. While the entire agenda is not finished, I believe these will be around 4 -5 hours with a lunch break and will include plenty of time for question and answers.

Let me close this time by reminding all of our Grange families to celebrate together as we move into the holidays. Just as we celebrate holidays with our relatives, we should also plan some fun and fellowship with our Grange families. Sometimes we just need a chance to have a fun evening, not worrying about Grange growth, Grange finances, or a building that may need attention. Sometimes we just need a chance to enjoy each other's company. The State Grange is planning our holiday open house for December 13th and we would love to see you there!



Former Grange President Erin Salisbury in center (red apron) with current President Matt Freitag (with cap on) helping with the celebration.

Yankton Celebrates 125th Anniversary

Yankton Grange #301, Columbia County, celebrated 125 years of being part of their community with a successful Strawberry Pancake Breakfast on June 6th featuring fresh strawberries, homemade whipped cream, and live old-timey acoustic music by The Yankton Grangers. Community members gobbled up piles of hotcakes with heaping mounds of strawberries while celebrating the Yankton Grange's 125-year milestone and the enduring values of hope, charity, and fidelity.

Pleasant Grove Grange Celebrates 100th Anniversary of Hall

This year Pleasant Grove Grange #475 (PGG), Union County, is celebrating the 100th anniversary of their picturesque building and to commemorate this milestone, they held their first annual July 4th Community Barbecue. Hot dogs, hamburgers and member potluck contributions as well as outdoor activities of horseshoes, cornhole and badminton kept things hopping. A cakewalk inside the hall was a big hit which included some exquisite homemade desserts donated by members. The Grange plans to hold this event annually since it was such a great success and promotes the Granges to local neighbors.



L: PGG float going down Main Street of Imbler with banners promoting the first annual July 4th Grange BBQ.

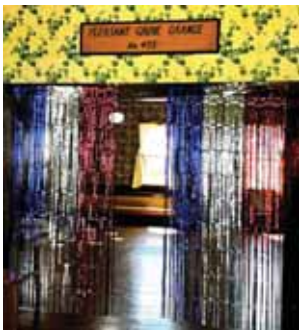
R: The Grange hall decorated for the indoor activities.

REMINDER 2027 Bonding Due November 15th

In June along with the second quarter report your Grange received information and order form for bonding program offered by the National Grange. The National Grange offers bonding coverage to State, Pomona, and Community Granges in 2027 under the National Grange's policy.

The National Grange Digest of Laws, Section 4.10.9, stipulates that **all Granges**, at their own expense, are to be bonded or insured for employee dishonesty with coverage to include at least the Secretary and Treasurer of each. The program offered through the National Grange covers all of your members that handle money.

The deadline for Granges to be included in the bonding coverage for 2027 is November 15, 2026. All Oregon Granges must have their order form and payment to the Oregon State Grange office no later than **November 15** to receive coverage for 2027.



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Notes From Your State Grange Secretary



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Well, for better or worse here I am, the newly elected Secretary of the Oregon State Grange. I'm not planning on a regular column but this is a good opportunity to introduce myself and shed a little light on my position. The State Secretary is not a paid position and does not keep office hours at the headquarters. Paid part-time staff members handle the daily work generated by 152 local Granges and almost 5,000 Grange members, all I do is take minutes a few times a year. However, I am always happy to receive your questions, comments, and concerns, and will forward them appropriately. Email is the best way to reach me (marknoah00@gmail.com).

Speaking of email, that is also the best way for your State Grange to reach you but we have shockingly few of your email addresses, and many of the addresses we do have are out of date. Please, if you are the President or Secretary of your Grange, make sure the OSG office has your current email address. If you are newly elected don't wait for the roster information form, let the OSG office know ASAP.

Did you know that Page 2 of the Quarterly Report is available as a **fillable form** on the OSG website? Typed email addresses are a lot easier to read than handwriting squeezed into that little box. The email blank is still too short but at least the text wraps so the whole address will be there, just on two or three lines. Find the form at this link: https://orgrange.org/res/forms/admin/quarterly_report.pdf

Geo-Grange Winners Recognized at State Convention

The winners of the Geo-Grange program were announced during the Kick-off Banquet at this year's State Grange Convention.

There were prizes awarded for both those that recorded the most points and most miles with State Officers, Directors and the State Deputy in a separate category from the rest of the membership with the possibility of four awards. In this case the winners for both most points and most miles driven went to the same person in each group.

The winner of both the miles traveled and points in the members category was Vickie Weathers of Goshen Grange #651 in Lane County with a total of 24,618 miles and 1,335 points. Vickie visited/drove past all the Granges in Oregon, 159 plus one each in Idaho, California and Washington and attended four Pomona Granges. She earned points by visiting a Grange hall - 5 points, attending a Community Grange meeting - 10 points and a Pomona meeting or Grange event for 15 points. Vickie set out with a plan to see all the Granges in Oregon and she achieved that goal.

The winner in the State Officers category was Joyce Parker, OSG Executive Committee Position 2 and a member of Springwater Grange #263 and Harding Grange #122 in Clackamas County. Joyce traveled 4,718 miles and collected 1,810 points. She visited three Granges in California plus the California State Grange Convention while helping the GROW Club serve ice cream: one Grange and the State Grange Convention in Washinton, one Grange in Idaho and the Western Regional Leadership Conference in Boise. Additionally, to earn points she posted her travels on Facebook (5 points per visit) and earned 5 more points for each Facebook post of a visit that had her travel Buddy, Penny the Penguinii, in the photo. Joyce visited Granges in 16 counties, plus worked at the Log Cabin, Ag Fest and attended the 2025 Legislative Day at the Capitol.

The Geo-Grange program was intended to encourage Grangers to visit other Granges in the form of a small game. This program was sponsored by the Deaf Awareness and Family Health Committee and the Membership Committee as part of the 2025 Oregon State Grange visitation program.



L-r: Geo-Grange winners Joyce Parker and Vickie Weathers.

The Chaplain's Corner

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As summer fades into fall, I find myself thinking about the people who have shared different seasons of life with me. I came across this message, copied it, and wanted to share it as a gentle reminder that this time of year can be a beautiful opportunity to reconnect with friends, reach out for no special reason, and let someone know they are remembered, appreciated, and loved.

Some of the most meaningful conversations begin with something as simple as, "I was thinking about you." A message sent for no particular reason, a call made just to hear someone's voice, or a gentle reminder that someone matters can become a moment of kindness in an ordinary day. People may forget many things in life, but they rarely forget how you made them feel. Love grows through presence, attention, and care, and sometimes the smallest gesture becomes the memory someone holds onto forever. Sometimes, a simple "I was thinking about you" is exactly what a heart needed to hear.

In Memoriam

Gloria Cawrse
Siletz Valley #558

Sonja Mason
Sixes #856

John Collier
Salmon River #516

Jean McCloskey
Springwater #263

Lawrence 'Pete' Petroski
Woodburn #79



Seen through the eyes of Faith,
we remember our Brothers and Sisters
not as ones dead,
they have only gone on before us
through the gates of the Grange above,
where dwells the Great Master of us all.

Past State Musician Now Plays in the Grange Above



Lawrence Martin 'Pete' Petroski who served as Musician of the Oregon State Grange from 2005-2012 passed away on August 31st at Springridge Court Memory Care in Charbonneau, Oregon. Pete and his wife Jan had lived in the senior estates in Woodburn for over 26 years and had joined Woodburn Grange #79 in the fall of 2001, shortly after they had moved there.

Pete was born in Tacoma, Washington on November 11, 1936. His was adopted by Zygmont and Cathryn Petroski and went on to proudly serve in the US Army. In retirement he volunteered for the Woodburn Police Department. For many years Pete served as the Master/President of the Grange in Woodburn.

Pete enjoyed sharing his music not only with the Grange but as organist every Saturday night at Sacred Heart Church in Gervais. Local Oktoberfest celebrations were enriched by his lively accordion music at Bauman Farms and at the Mt. Angel festival.

Pete was married to Jan for over 30 years. He was predeceased in death by his adoptive parents, Zygmond and Cathryn Petroski. He is survived by his wife Jan; his sons, Paul, and Peter; his grandson Aaron; and his stepchildren, Kathleen, Micheal, and Gary.

A Rosary and Funeral Mass were held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church on September 10, 2026, with a private Graveside at Willamette National Cemetery on September 22.

Condolence may be sent to Jan and family in care of the Woodburn Grange Secretary, 1647 King Way, Woodburn OR 97071

Community Service/ Involvement



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So many of you ask, "What is Community Service?" Community Service refers to unpaid work performed by Grangers to benefit their local area. It's typically done by addressing specific needs in some way and may be focused on a specific group such as children.

Mohawk Valley Community (MVC) Grange #922 from Lane County involves their local high school community. MVC hosts a Fall Chili, Cornbread, and Desert contest. MVC invites the Mohawk High School Culinary students to compete in this yearly contest. Six to ten students participated with one of the students winning second place! This is a fabulous way to involve the local school kids, families, and community.

Just a thought, any money earned by the Grange could be donated to the schools for financing field trips or dances or any unspecified need!



Above: Jennifer Cancino, Culinary Teacher at Mohawk High School and her stepson, Henry Cancino-Bingham, who placed 2nd in the Chili Cook-off.

Thank you MVC for mentioning this project in your 2026 Annual Report; great job!!!

Kelso Road Gets Cleaned Up

On the morning of June 27, the Sandy Grange # 392, Clackamas County members along with a few members of their community organized a litter pick up on Kelso Road. The Grange is a part of the Adopt a Road program and have adopted that chunk of road. Every year they have an annual cleanup and are very proud of it. Not only does it help the Earth, but it gives them an opportunity to come together to serve the community. It's just one of the many things they do to try to make a difference and it feels really good.



Above: Members of The Sandy Grange and their community gathered to pick up litter along their road.

Goldson Grange Annual Spring Cruise-In Car Show

Goldson Grange #868, Lane County, hosted a wonderful annual Spring Cruise-In Car Show on June 13, bringing the community together for a lively day of classic cars, good food, and friendly conversation. Grange members worked hard to prepare the grounds, welcome guests, and make sure every detail was ready for the event.

Kitchen volunteers served a delicious BBQ with burgers, hot dogs, ice-cold drinks, and ice cream and raffle tickets were sold for a variety of great prizes. The tables were set up across the park field as cars continued to arrive throughout the day. With more than 50 cars on display, this was Goldson Grange's best-attended car show so far. Car owners proudly displayed their vehicles, including beautifully maintained classics and memorable relics from days gone by. Throughout the field, people polished fenders, swapped stories, and enjoyed the camaraderie shared among collectors, visitors, and neighbors.

The weather was perfect, the smiles were wide, and the annual Car Show did not disappoint. Goldson Grange was proud to share another enjoyable community event and looks forward to welcoming everyone again next year.



Small Shoes, Big Steps: The Story of Shoes for Kids

In every child's journey, the right foundation is crucial, and sometimes, that foundation begins with a simple, well-fitting pair of shoes. For a child heading back to school, walking to a friend's house, or just running across the playground at recess, shoes are more than fabric and rubber. They are confidence. They are dignity. And in Josephine County, a community of neighbors has spent over a decade making sure no child has to go without.

Where It Started

In 2015, members of the Fruitdale Grange #379 noticed something simple but urgent: kids in their own community were starting the school year without shoes that fit. So a small group of neighbors did what Grange members have always done, they rolled up their sleeves and got to work. That first year, the Grange handed out gift cards so families could buy their children new shoes before the first day of school. It was modest, local, and personal, exactly how good ideas often begin.

Word spread, and so did the need. Over the following years, the program grew from a single back-to-school event into something families could count on year-round. Socks were added to the mix, because warm, dry feet matter just as much as new shoes. Fundraisers like the annual Sock Hop during Back to the '50s Week and community Bunco nights became local traditions, and generous partners, including a memorable $5,000 surprise gift from the Grants Pass Active Club, helped the program reach further than anyone first imagined. By 2024, Shoes for Kids had grown enough to move under the wing of a 501(c)3 nonprofit, Fruitdale Grange Foundation, giving it the structure to serve even more children for years to come.

Neighbors Who Build Something Bigger

Some of the most remarkable support has come in forms no one could have predicted. Local artisans KA Designs took an old, retired upright piano, an instrument that might otherwise have been thrown away, and gave it an entirely new life. From the piano's keys and beautiful hickory wood, they crafted a one-of-a-kind "piano parson's table." From what remained of the piano's shell, Grangers built a handsome beverage bar, now used to hold water and drink dispensers at Grange events. The Foundation sold raffle tickets for the piano table as a community fundraiser, turning a forgotten instrument into new shoes for local kids.

That same spirit of creative generosity showed up again at the Foundation's latest fundraiser, a lively Bunco and Ice Cream Night, where



Jill Hamm (r), President of Fruitdale Grange, thanking Melissa Vierra from Evergreen Federal Bank for a check for the Shoes for Kids. The Grange had presented Melissa with an appreciation plaque for being a dedicated sponsor.

Evergreen Federal Bank surprised the room with a $500 donation. And KA Designs isn't finished giving back: they're now donating a custom, movable kitchen island topped with a solid Corian countertop, a beautiful and functional piece any home would be lucky to have. The Foundation is selling 200 raffle tickets at $20 each, with every dollar raised going straight to Shoes for Kids.

What It Looks Like Today

Thanks to support like this, Shoes for Kids is no longer just a back-to-school program, it's a year-round lifeline. Foster children, kids experiencing homelessness, and families facing hard times can request help whenever the need arises. Each child receives up to $50 to pick out shoes that fit right and feel like their own. Since 2015, the program has raised more than $80,000, and in its most recent round of shopping trips, volunteers helped fit over 90 children with new shoes.

Where We're Going

The Grange imagines a future where every school-aged child in Josephine County, approximately 18,000 of them, receives a brand-new pair of shoes every year, fully funded by their own community. The Grange is proposing a new tradition to help get the foundation there: **Shoe Week**, kicking off each spring on the Sunday before March 15th, National Shoe Day, a countywide celebration of the neighbors, artisans, and businesses who make this possible.

If you'd like to help build that future, buy a raffle ticket for the kitchen island, or join their **105 Club** of steady monthly supporters. From a repurposed piano to a pair of new shoes, their community keeps proving that generosity has no limits, only new shapes.

Fruitdale Grange Foundation, http://fruitdalegrangefoundation.org



Grange members Marie Scovell and Gayle Stephens handed out complimentary cookies, home baked by Grange members, to the community as a thank you for attending the Spring Gardening Festival and supporting the Grange throughout the year.

Spring Garden Fest on the Coast

White Clover Grange #784, Tillamook County hosted their annual Spring Gardenfest on April 12th. The weather cooperated with spring like sunshine and warm temperatures bringing a record-breaking crowd of folks out to enjoy the free admission.

A wide variety of delicious cookies, baked by Grange members, were freely handed out to guests, along with fresh brewed coffee, as a thank you for their support to the Grange.

Among the offerings for attendees to partake of were raffles, spring vegetable starts, seed exchanges, composting tips, seeing soil microbes through a microscope, salve making from fresh herbs, garden-themed crafts, local farmer's market items, tool sharpening, ironworks, and native potted plants to purchase.

This annual event grows larger each year and is highly anticipated by local gardeners and landscapers for the variety and quality of plant offerings, and the educational tips from local Master Gardeners.

Yards and Yards of Fabric Offered at Pleasant Grove



Pleasant Grove Grange # 475, Union County, held their first annual Crafters and Fabric Sale on July 25-26. The team of members advertised to solicit donations of fabric or any crafting and sewing materials for the sale. The response was overwhelming.

The Grange hall was filled with tables of donated fabric, sewing, crafting, and art supplies. Grange members spent several afternoons measuring and tagging each fabric donation and labeling the tables based on fabric yardage. It was quite a colorful scene and very well organized for shoppers to see the individual fabrics easily.

There is a large community of local quilters, crafters, and sewers in the greater Summerville area and much of the fabric was of high quality with the original cost typically being $15/yard. The sale organizers marked all fabric at $4/yard. Shoppers were thrilled with the bargain prices for such quality fabric. Many purchased large amounts of yardage and left with visions of new sewing and quilting projects.



Many shoppers requested being placed on the Grange mailing list and some took Grange membership applications. After the sale ended, members packed up the remaining fabric and other supplies and found that hardly a dent was made! It was the highest earning event they have had, even more than the popular annual rummage sale in June. The proceeds are used to help fund their scholarship program for local high school seniors.



GWA

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Happy Fall! This is when I think about harvest, apple pie, and pumpkin spices. It is also the season for looking forward to what's next… Winter. The prep may be different if you're in Enterprise vs Springfield, but we all can appreciate the cozy days once the weather cools and we're spending more time indoors.

While hanging out at the Log Cabin at the State Fair, Pam Heimuller and I were talking about how to get more folks to visit the cabin. These ideas were really good (some previously implemented) and apply to our Granges as well. There is a resurgence in what some of us would call legacy or traditional skills; bee keeping, gardening, wood splitting, canning, sewing, and fiber crafting, whether it is felted wool or creating wearable crochet items. Perhaps a way to encourage the under 40-year-olds to step inside our hall is to offer demonstrations or classes in some of these skills (or any other you come up with). Sidenote: Results of these may create items that can be entered in the State Grange GWA (or Lecturer's) contests next June. Non-members can enter, so encourage them. Make sure you have BIG Signs outside your hall with the next opportunity, date, time. Yes, some Granges already do this, Kudos to you! Another idea was to offer your hall for pre-K 'play dates' as the weather changes, sometimes an indoor facility is hard to find. Of course, there are rules, so any Grange thinking of this needs to do their research to make sure the rules are followed.

The GWA committee is planning a meeting in the month of September, so the results of that brainstorming will be in the next issue. We have some contest clarifications and perhaps a new category (or two) and one or two may be disappearing. Check back for updates. One point that needs to be stressed (although it IS in the contest book) for the GWA contests, only ONE entry per person per category can be accepted. This past June we had to turn away some beautiful items for this reason. PLEASE read the book or ask before sending your items to State Grange.

We still need to fill the Committee with District #1, 2, 3 and 5, so if you know someone (or you are someone) who would be great on this committee and will commit to being present at the State Grange Session, PLEASE contact either Paula or Teresa. Thank you.

Be the Neighbor you wish you had.



Annual Barbecue Held for Community

Hurricane Creek Grange #608, Wallowa County, held their annual Community BBQ on Sunday afternoon, August 23. The Grange served hamburgers, hotdogs, salads and more to their friends and neighbors at their Grange hall in Joseph.



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OSG Foundation Fraternal Concerns Fund

One of the many projects of the Oregon State Grange Foundation is the Fraternal Concerns Fund which was created to help our Brother and Sister Grangers in a time of need or crisis.

The Board of Trustees administers the fund to assist Oregon State Grange members with property casualty losses. The amount remitted to the member will be 10% of the balance of the fund up, up to a maximum of $750. The minimum award will be $100. The member is limited to one Fraternal Concerns payment per calendar year based on date of loss. The Fraternal Concerns Fund is totally supported by contributions from individuals and Granges.

Any member can report a property casualty loss either for themselves or another Grange member to the Foundation either by email to foundation@orgarnge.org or by contacting any one of the foundation trustees. The foundation's goal is to act immediately on all fraternal concerns requests and get funds into the hands of fellow Grangers as quickly as possible. In the last several years the Foundation has approved payments for fire losses, flooding losses, and losses from wind damage.

We gave two scholarships from the Robert Smith Leadership Training Fund, and one Junior Grange Leadership Scholarship for members to attend State Grange Convention.

The Robert Smith Leadership Training Fund provides scholarships for Grange members 36 years of age and older, to attend leadership training events including State Grange Convention, National Grange and the Western Regional Leadership Conference.

The Junior Grange Leadership Scholarship, which replaced the Junior Grange Camp Scholarship, can be used by Junior age members to attend Junior Grange activities including state convention and Western regionals. One of the requirements of these two leadership scholarships is for the recipients to write a report on what they learned at the event.

Scholarship Reports

What I Picked Up at State Convention

by Tracy Metzker, Redland Grange #796

Going to State convention isn't just about sitting through meetings. It's about learning stuff you can actually use back home.

The biggest thing I learned: how to keep this work going. You can't Google how to handle a heated discussion without everyone walking out mad. But you can watch it happen at convention and see how it's done. You learn how to plan a food drive so it doesn't fall apart. You learn why writing things down matters, so the next person isn't starting from scratch. If we quit getting together, all that know-how goes away.

Another thing: we get more done together. Calling your lawmaker by yourself? They probably won't call back. But when a room full of people from all over the state agrees on something, they listen. That's what I saw at convention. It's how a problem in one small town can turn into help for a lot of people. You don't need to be important. You just need to show up with your neighbors.

And the best part: you stop feeling like you're on your own. People told stories about helping after fires or raising money for kids to go to college. Towns get through hard times because people already know each other from working together, not just from living nearby.

One workshop really encouraged me: how to fill out OSG Grant paperwork. I'd always been nervous about it. Forms, deadlines, all the steps. But they walked us through it piece by piece. Now I actually know how to do it next time we need money for a project. It sure was nice learning about it so I don't have to guess in the future.

Some folks say conventions are old fashioned. Maybe so. But I went to learn how to help my town, and I came home with real tools. That's why I'll be at next year's convention Grand Pass, Oregon.



L-r: Tracy Metzker and Billy the Goat with State Senator Todd Nash.

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Jr Grange Scholarship Report

Dear Foundation

During State Session this year each day was filled all day.

Saturday: we visited gold dredge. It was big and cool to walk through. We got to see most of the inside and found a toilet on board as well. That was my mom and grandma's exciting find.

Sunday: I was in the junior room. I made some friends. Our family went to the Oregon trail interpretive center and I learned about the Oregon trail, and I filled out a bingo card. I got a game about the Oregon trail and we played it that night at dinner.

Monday: I learned about the great depression and the black tornado and wind turbines that use power and I saw the actual wind turbines when we drove to and from Baker City.

Tuesday: I gave flags and gifts to the Veterans I also gave dad jokes. My great grandpa was one of the veterans we gave a flag to.

Wednesday: morning I saw my mom and my auntie grace open the state grange and I went bowling and I did the Minecraft competition. I took 2nd in my age group for Minecraft.

I also entered a Lego build and a drawing, and I took first place for both.

Thank you so much for helping me get to State Grange.

Dean McKay
1+ Junior member, Abernethy Grange #346

Farm Hopping and More

by Marsha Webb, Frogpond Grange #111

Being the daughter of a veterinarian, the chance to go farm hopping was a no brainer. The convention started with the farm tour on the bus at 08:30 to head out to Old Souls Farm and Market. It's a family farm raising Scottish highland cattle for meat and Jerseys for milk. They also sell eggs and other local farm products. Really excellent cheese and cheese curds. The vegetables were works of art. I'd shop there every week if it weren't a four-plus-hour drive each way. Second stop on the tour was Elkhorn Peak Lavender farm. They grow several different varieties of lavender and distill it for both scent and food uses. The distiller is a beautiful shiny copper piece that could easily double as sculpture. Third stop was Elkhorn Grange in Haines where several Grange sisters had concocted a lovely, luscious picnic for us. That was much appreciated.

The registration process was well organized and quick. The workers were knowledgeable and pleasant. Overall, the sessions were interesting, and delegates were able to speak and ask questions.

My dad did mix large and small animal veterinary medicine which I was exposed to from my earliest years. I have always been aware of the big division between rural and urban, but I was less aware of the Eastern Oregon/Western Oregon divide. The resolution regarding signature gathering in all counties, not just the tri-county area, is very important. All counties need to be heard. Just because some folks live east of the Cascades does not mean that their opinions do not matter. Getting the wording just right took up a lot of time, but it matters.

All in all, I'm glad I went to convention. Now I need to catch up on my sleep.



The Sunday Balkan Band played live music at the ice cream social.

It Was a Homemade Ice Cream Social at Bellview Grange

The Bellview Grange #759 had a fun Ice Cream Social in late August. Although 23 folks rsvp'd there were 38 folks that showed up on the day of the Social! Diane Nichols, Grange Lecturer, always plans with abundance in mind and everyone got to have plates of fresh veggies, cheese, crackers and more before we indulged in the homemade ice cream.



Diane had divided the Grange hall into three sections. One filled with carnival games for young and old, one that had the stage where the Sunday Balkan Band played live music, and the kitchen side of the Grange hall where those who wished could sit and taste all the treats.

The event opened with a prayer by the Chaplain Anya Kumara.

While the band played on the Grange was treated to Lorraine Cook's homemade vanilla, and strawberry ice cream, and Julie Caldwell's turmeric and elderberry ice cream. Other flavors appeared as well that folks brought along with them to share. The elderberries grow on the tree outside the Grange hall. They also had the treat of fresh peaches from a volunteer peach tree growing outside the back door! There were nuts and other toppings including a very rich chocolate syrup which made the vanilla ice cream even more yummy!

They are hoping to make this an annual event and invite even more of the community! Thanks go out to all the members that made this event a success with set up and clean up all included!



Above: Grangers and friends formed a friendship circle with Grange President Flavia Franco, in the red jumper, leading the way.



R: A wide array of ice cream flavors was enjoyed by all.

GROW Club

"Go Right On Working"

Mark Noah
OSG GROW Club President
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Sunshine, Puppies and Ice Cream

It was puppies and ice cream at Willamette Grange #52, Benton County on Saturday, August 29th during Willamette's Puppy Fest. An Ice Cream Social, put on by the GROW Club, had been purchased for Willamette Grange and GROW Club members were happy to serve it up. Club members helping out were State Lecturer Susie Kroeker, Steve Kroeker, State Flora Jessie Jo Guttridge, State EC #2 Joyce Parker, State LAS Stacy Brown, State GWA Co-Director Teresa Cernac and Suzy Ramm.



Above and below: GROW Club members enjoyed the afternoon serving ice cream and talking Grange.

R: Even the pups got a treat.



Several more Ice Cream Socials were purchased at the State Grange convention in June so expect to see the Club pop up at Grange events around the State, ice cream scoops in hand.

GROW stands for "Go Right On Working." The GROW Club is for those persons who have worn the sash or crown of State Grange Outstanding Young Granger, Youth Ambassador, Outstanding Young Couple, Outstanding Young Adult, members of the National Youth Team, and in Oregon, a member of the National Youth officer team.

Oregon currently has a State GROW Club Board established to help the club be more active. Current programs include a traveling degree team for the first through fourth and fifth degrees and an installation of officers team. To schedule a team to come visit your Grange please contact one of the board members or the State Grange office.



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Quincy Raises Funds for the Pomona Grange Farm Museum

During the Columbia County Fair in July, Quincy Grange #321 Master Ellen Niemenen presented a check for nearly $3,000, for the fund to update the Grange Farm Museum. The check was the results of their May rummage sale with their kitchen serving lunch and desserts. The museum is located on the Columbia County Fairgrounds. Receiving the check were Grangers Eva Frost and Evelyn Hudson on behalf of the museum. It was the dream of their father, Arnold Tarbell, to build the museum.



L: Evelyn Hudson and Eva Frost receiving the check from Quincy Grange Master Ellen Niemenen for the Grange Farm Museum.

Clackamas County Pomona Sponsors Scarecrow Contest at County Fair

Clackamas County Pomona Grange #1 sponsors the Scarecrow contest in the Agriculture Department at the Clackamas County Fair. There are different age categories, similar to those in the Grange and a family category to urge families to work together. The Pomona Master selects the winner of the Grange President's award.





The scarecrow in the middle waas selected by Clackamas Pomona Master Joyce Parker to receive the President's award.

Wallowa Pomona Honors Volunteers

Wallowa Pomona Grange #22 recognized two volunteers during the Wallowa County Fair. Judy Templeton was presented with the 2025 Community Volunteer of the Year award. She helps out the community, is involved with Soroptimist International and supports South Fork Grange in Lostine, Oregon.

Receiving the Wallowa County Pomona Grange 2025 Grange Volunteer of the Year award which goes to a Grange member, was Hurricane Creek Grange #608 member John Shull who serves as Steward of his Grange. Awards were presented during the Pomona Grange's pie sale at the Wallowa County Fair on August 6, 2026.



L-r: Elvaree Fine, Pomona Community Service chair, John Shull, and David McBride, Master of Wallowa Pomona Grange.



Grangers busy at Creswell Grange sorting and folding donated clothing.

Grangers Volunteer at Lane County Stand Down

On September 11, beginning at 7:00 a.m., members of Lane County Granges had the honor of volunteering at the Lane County Veterans Stand Down. It was a day filled with hard work, warm smiles, grateful hearts, and, most importantly, an opportunity to give back to those who have given so much to this country.

Their involvement began the week before the Stand Down, when Grange volunteers traveled to Creswell Grange to help sort through the tremendous amount of clothing and other donated items being prepared for the event. There was an incredible amount of work to be done, but there was also an incredible spirit of generosity.

Creswell Grange is an integral part of preparing for the Veterans Stand Down each year. With Martin and Louise McClure at the helm, they bring together a remarkable group of caring, hardworking people who give their time and energy to make this event as welcoming and helpful as possible. Watching everyone work together is truly inspiring. The hours of sorting, organizing, preparing, and planning are a beautiful reminder of what can happen when a community comes together with compassion and a common purpose.

On the day of the Stand Down, the many volunteers brought their time, muscle, and, of course, plenty of smiles and cheerful conversation. Members were especially grateful for the opportunity to personally serve the men and women who have served this country selflessly.

The generosity of the community was evident everywhere. Men's, women's, and children's clothing—both new and gently used—along with shoes, toiletries, blankets, linens, towels, and many other necessities were available to those who needed them. Free haircuts, massages, and some dental services were also offered.

And there was food—not just food, but the warmth that comes from sitting down together. Delicious breakfast and lunch were served in a dining area where veterans and volunteers could eat, visit, laugh, and share a conversation. Those simple moments of connection were just as meaningful as the items being distributed.

For Grangers, the day was about more than volunteering. It was about showing their appreciation in a small but tangible way to people who have made sacrifices on behalf of all of us. The members left feeling grateful for the opportunity to serve and deeply touched by the dedication of everyone, especially Martin and Louise, who worked so hard to make the Stand Down possible.

It was truly humbling to see how many veterans were reached by this event and how many people came together to support them.

The Grange volunteers look forward to returning next year, continuing to help wherever they can, and standing alongside their fellow Grange members to honor and support those who have served.



Grangers busy at Creswell Grange sorting and folding donated clothing.

Membership Tidbits



L: At their August meeting Dixie Mountain Grange #860, Washington County, added three new members. Past State Deputy Carol Everman was on hand to instruct them with the official obligation ceremony and welcomed them to the Grange.



R: Emily Russell, a member of Goshen Grange #561 in Lane County for 54 years, received a Lifetime Membership from her Grange for her Birthday on July 30th. She is 92 years old. Happy Birthday Emily, from your Brothers and Sisters in the Grange.



On August 13, 2026, Redmond Grange #812, Deschutes County, presented membership awards to three members. Marilyn Redmond received her 70-year pin and seal, Rena Dunlap received her 35-year seal and button, and Geri VanMatre received her 60-year seal and button. Awards were presented by Redmond Grange Master Cathy Shores. Congratulations to All!

L: Marilyn Redmond, sitting, received her 70-year pin and seal from the Redmond Grange Master Cathy Shores.

Harding Honors Sixty-Year Member

Mary Powelson of Harding Grange #122, Clackamas County, was recognized with her Golden Sheaf Certificate along with seals for 55 and 60 years of membership. Mary joined the just after her fourteenth birthday in the first quarter of 1962 and has been a member of Harding Grange ever since.

Earlier this year Harding's Secretary was updating the membership records and realized that Sister Mary was past due for her 60 year seal. Then when checking back at the records in the State Grange office it was apparent that she had never received her Golden Sheaf Certificate. She is now all caught up until next year when she will be eligible for her 65-year seal.



L-r: Mary Powelson receiving her Golden Sheaf Certificate from Harding Master Jerry Pritchard.

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	Oct 31	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

The Education Committee



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OSG Education Director

The Bulletin needs more space than usual to list the sunsetting policies for 2027, so I am writing a very brief column to introduce your 2026-28 education committee.

District 1 chair, Carol Chard
District 2 Krysta Hart
District 3 Stacy Brown
District 4 Sarah Grigsby
District 5 Brinda Stanley
At-large Jade Davis, Director of Ag in the Classroom

We look forward to assisting Community Granges with promoting education and if you have any specific needs or desires, please contact your District chair or myself.

Oregon Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation

Tillamook County HS Students Compete in International Bridge Building Competition

Students Trystin Rose and Noe Lopez Solis represented Tillamook County's Nestucca High School and the State of Oregon at the 2026 International Bridge Building Competition. The contest included 43 bridges built by students from around the nation, fifteen different states in total. Each of the bridge participants qualified in the top two or three at one of the regional qualifying competitions.

Trystin's bridge placed second overall at the national event thus becoming the highest placing student ever from Nestucca High School in this competition as well as the highest placing student from the State of Oregon in the last ten years. Noe Lopez Solis placed fourth overall at the event, just a mere ten efficiency points behind the third place bridge.

Sandlake Grange is proud of their local Nestucca High Students.



Nestucca High School Senior Trystin Rose with his bridge building awards. Trystin is the recipient of one of the 2026 Malcolm Trupp Scholarship recipients awarded by the Oregon State Grange Foundation. *See more about Trystin on page 10.*

Take a Book. Leave a Book. Share a Book From the Little Free Library

Springwater Grange #263, Clackamas County, is excited to have their Free Little Library installed on the front of the Grange hall. The Little Library is registered with the Little Free Library organization and is full of books.

Little Free Library is a nonprofit organization based in St. Paul, Minnesota. Their mission is to be a catalyst for building community, inspiring readers, and expanding book access for all through a global network of volunteer-led Little Free Library book-exchange boxes.

The vision of the organization is a Little Free Library in every community and a book for every reader. It's believed that all people are empowered when the opportunity to discover a personally relevant book to read.



R: Joyce Parker, Springwater Treasurer, adds books to the little library.

2026 Oregon State Grange Foundation Scholarship Recipients

Marcel "Muzzy" Mandel Scholarships

The "Muzzy" scholarship was established to honor the memory of Marcel Mandel, a member of Sherwood Grange. The scholarship is awarded to a Grange member or the child or grandchild of a Grange member for use at any college or trade school.

In 2026 five scholarships in the total amount of $5500 were awarded. Recipients were:

$2000 to Grace Gray
Grace is a 3rd generation Granger. Grace, along with her parents Michelle and Corey Gray and grandparents Ian and Vickey McGuinuss are all members of the Central Point Grange #698. She will be attending school at Oregon Institute of Technology (OIT) to earn a nursing degree.

$1500 to Kaylee Falleur
Kaylee is the granddaughter of Don and Bonnie Fisher, members of Olney Grange #793. She attends Eastern Oregon University majoring in Agricultural Entrepreneurship with a minor in Economics and Marketing. Her career goal is to be involved in cattle marketing and to own and operate her own cattle business.



Kaylee Falleur

$1000 to Audrey Cereghino
Audrey is a graduate of Astoria High School and is attending George Fox University majoring in Biology with a minor in Music. She is the daughter of Mickey Cereghino and the granddaughter of Don and Bonnie Fisher, members of Olney Grange #793.

$500 to Aidan Drudis-Swanson
Aidan is a member of Redland Grange #796; he is attending Oregon State University majoring in Electrical and Computer Technology. His Grange service includes helping with the food distribution at Redland and baking cookies in the Clackamas County Pomona Cookie booth at the county Fair.


Grant Schaffer

$500 to Grant Schaffer
Grant is studying Fire Science and Suppression at Chemeketa Community College to become a licensed paramedic and firefighter. Grant is the grandson of Arnold and Michelle Schaffer, members of Siletz Valley Grange #558.

Lousie Angela Holst Memorial Scholarship

Establish in memorial of Lousie Holst, a 50-year Grange member and past Oregon State Grange Officer. The award is $500 per year and is given to an active Grange Member with five years of membership and between the ages of 16-40 years of age to enrollment in a two or four year college or a vocational school.

The 2026 recipient is Grace Gray, a 10-year member of Central Point Grange #698. She has served as Flora and Secretary of the Grange plus helped with a number of fundraisers and events at the Grange.

Grace will be attending Oregon Health and Science University School of Nursing at the OIT campus in Klamath Fall to earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Malcolm Trupp Memorial Vocational Scholarship

Given in memory of past Oregon State Grange Foundation President, Malcolm Trupp, a member of Spencer Creek Grange in Lane County. An applicant must be a Grange member or a child or grandchild of an Oregon Grange member. The award is a minimum of $500 per year for enrollment in a community college or a vocational school only.

$1500 to Grant Schaffer
Grant is a second-year recipient of the Trupp Scholarship which will help him complete his degree in Fire Science and Suppression at Chemeketa Community College and become a licensed paramedic and firefighter. Grant is the grandson of Arnold and Michelle Schaffer, members of Siletz Valley Grange #558.

$500 to Trystin Rose
Trystin will be attending Tillamook Bay Community College majoring in welding with the plan to be a welder/fabricator and own his own shop one day. He is the grandson of Cindy Green, a member of Sandlake Grange #546.


Trystin Rose

Mary Ramm Memorial Scholarship

First established following her death in 2001, this scholarship is given to a female student return to school after a break in attendance.

$3000 to Heather Noble
Heather is returning to college after a 10 plus year break in her education. In 2015 she received a AS – General Studies from Chemeketa Community College. Starting the fall of 2026, she will be attending Grand Canyon University to complete a BS in applied management, and she hopes to work in public service for the State of Oregon. She is a member of Boulevard Grange #389.

2026 Oregon State Grange Scholarship Recipients

Charles E Spense Scholarship Oregon State Grange Executive Committee

Given in memory of Past Oregon State Grange Master/President, Charles Spence, a member of Beavercreek Grange in Clackamas County. An applicant must have been a Grange member in Oregon for at least two years. The scholarship can be used at the applicant's choice of school.

The 2026 recipient of a $1000 scholarship is Grace Gray, member of Central Point Grange # 698 who is studying nursing at the OIT campus in Klamath Fall to earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Grange Workers Activities Scholarship Oregon State Grange

Given to an Oregon Grange member, who by September 1st will have completed at least one year of college, business school, nurses training, or vocational education.

This year two $750 scholarships were given. The first to Heather Noble who is working on complete a BS in applied management, and the second to Grace Gray who is studying nursing.



2026 Oregon Granges Award Scholarships

Clackamas County Pomona Grange
Charlie Bowser Memorial Scholarship



Clackamas Pomona gives this scholarship in memory of Charlie Bowser, a member of Abernethy Grange #346 and a strong supporter of the Pomona Grange Youth and Young Adults program. The scholarship is awarded to a Grange member or the child and grandchild of a Grange member of a community Grange in Clackamas County.

This year a scholarship totally $1500 was awarded to Cortlan Souders, whose parents are members of Springwater Grange #263.

Cortlan is attending Northwest College of Art at Willamette University majoring in Art – Illustration.

Springwater Grange
Joseph Z. Guttridge Memorial Scholarship

Springwater Grange #263, Clackamas County, gives this scholarship in memory of Joe Guttridge, past Master of Springwater and Clackamas Pomona Granges, Past State Youth Director, State Deputy and Assistant Steward. Applicants must have completed at least one year of college or other advanced education by the end of the term in which the application is submitted. The Grange decides scholarship amounts annually but are a minimum of $500.

For 2026, four $2000 scholarships were awarded. Three to first time recipients Etta Scott "Scottie" Weiler, Towsend Weiler, and Raymond Bauer and the fourth to repeat recipient Cortlan Souders.

Scottie and Townsend Weiler are part of a family membership at Springwater Grange. Scottie is a 2024 graduate of Estacada High School and is attending Oregon State University majoring in Kinesiology (yes, the scholarship committee had to look it up.) Townsend is a 2026 graduate of Estacada High School and received his associate's degree from Clackamas Community College at the same time. He is transferring to Oregon State University and majoring in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology with a goal of attending Oregon Health Science University to obtain is MD.

Raymond Baurer is 2026 graduate with honors of Colton High School and received his associate's degree from Clackamas Community College at the same time. He is transferring to Pacific University and will be majoring in Biology/Criminal Justice, Law, and Society.

Cortlan is a 2023 graduate of Estacada High School and is attending Northwest College of Art at Willamette University majoring in Art – Illustration. He expects to graduate at the end of fall term 2027.

Does Your Grange Want Copies of the Bulletin?

Requests for copies of the paper are continuing. We have come up with a couple options for Granges to get copies of the papers.

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

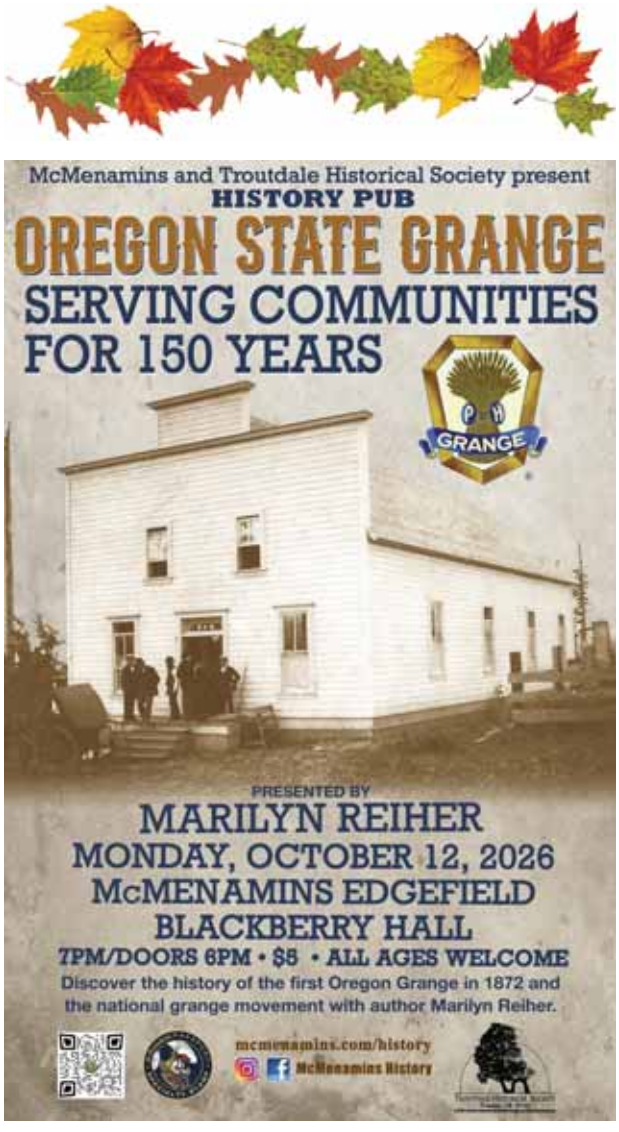
Please let the Bulletin Editor know if you want to take advantage of either of these options.

Sauvie Island Grange Scholarships



On Wednesday May 20th Sauvie Island Grange #840, Multnomah County, announced the scholarship recipients for 2026. Each student received $1000.00 from the Olive Erickson Endowment Fund. Recipients were Odessa Abeles, Daniel Wolfe, and Reeder Smith.

Root beer floats were served afterwards in celebration of the three amazing students.



Summer is Fair Season for Granges and Grangers



Log Cabin Makes A Good Impression

The Oregon State Fair Grange Log Cabin was staffed with smiling volunteers, in three daily shifts, for all eleven days of the Fair. The purpose is to demonstrate the welcoming nature of Grangers and inform people of the community minded purposes, membership being open to all, and the breadth of the activities and the communities served by Granges.

This year we had volunteers from 25 Granges, Abernethy #346, Beaver Valley #306, Beavercreek #276, Clarkes #261, Crow #450, Forest Grove #282, Frogpond #111, Irving #377, Lacomb #907, Maplewood #662, Marys River #685, Mohawk-Mckenzie #747, Morning Star #311, Oak Grove #198, Redmond #812, Riversdale #731, Salmon River #516, Santiam Valley #828, Silverton #748, Springwater #263, Warren#538, Western Star #309, Willamette, #52 and Winona #271., and anyone that may have been forgotten.

Thank you all so much for spending a few hours showing visitors the friendly face of Grange. If you haven't spent time at the Log Cabin – come give it a try in August of 2027!

Thank You

Thank you to all the Grangers who volunteer to serve a shift or two or more as hosts in the Log Cabin.

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Tillamook County Fair August 5-8

On the 2nd weekend of August as it happens every year Tillamook County hosted its very traditional County Fair celebrating 135 years in 2026. There was fun for all with animals, flowers, foods, horse racing and the famous Pig and Ford competition.

This year's theme was "Old Fashioned Country Fun" and as in past years the Grange was represented by Fairview #273, Sandlake #546 and White Clover #784 Granges of Tillamook Country. All three booths were decorated for the theme. As usual there was Grange information pamphlets available for those wanting more information.



The three Granges in Tillamook County each had a booth at the county fair.

Upcoming Dates/Deadlines

October 31	3rd Quarter Report due to the State Grange office.
November 9-14	160th National Grange Convention Broken Arrow, Oklahoma
November 15	Deadline to apply for Bonding Insurance through the National Grange. Send to State Grange office.
November 20	National Grange Honors Night Streamed live on Facebook and YouTube 5:30 pm Pacific time
December 13	Oregon State Grange Holiday Open House – Salem 2-4pm
December 31	Oregon State Grange Foundation - "Kitty Thomas Hearing Impaired Fund Re-imbursement" request deadline for 2026. Send them to the State Grange office.
January 15	Subordinate/Community and Pomona Grange officers' information due to the State Grange office.
January 31	4th Quarter Reports due to the State Grange office.
March 1	Deadline for first 2027 Matching Grange applications. Completed application must arrive by March 1 at the State Grange office.
June 2027	Oregon State Grange Convention South Middle School ~ Grants Pass
November 8-13, 2027	161st National Grange Convention Sparks, Nevada

Summer is Fair Season for Granges and Grangers

Wallowa County Fair July 31 - August 8

Annual Wallowa County Pomona Grange Pie and Ice Cream Day

Thursday, August 6, 2026, at the Wallowa County Fair in Enterprise, Oregon. Wallowa Pomona Grange members served homemade pies along with ice cream. Customers could enjoy a piece of pie with or without ice cream. Those who did not want pie could get a cup of ice cream and those who wanted could buy a whole pie. All items were sold by donation.



R: Elvaree Fine looks over the pies for the Pomona Pie Sale at the Wallowa County Fair.

Polk County Fair August 5-8

After many years of no Grange presence at the Polk County fair, Oak Grove Grange #198 and Rickreall Grange #671 put a joint display together for their fair. The display contained both historical and current information. It was great to see the Grange back at the fair.



Grange display by Oak Grove and Rickreall Granges at the Polk County fair.



Above: l-r: Joann Keeley and Joyce Parker get that pickle on a stick while Jim A. Dumolt learned to run the Square to make sales and Christy Dumolt preps cookie orders.



Right l-r: Cat Thomas, Andy Hirko, RW Smith, John De Haas and Joyce Parker worked an evening shift.



Clackamas County Pomona Grange's Information Fair Booth and Activity Center.

Clackamas County Fair August 12-16

It was Pigs, Pies and Patriotism at the Clackamas County Granges in Horning Hall with their fair booths, Results were:

1st - Maplewood #662
2nd - Redland #796
3rd – Clarkes #261
4th - Springwater #263

Maplewood was also the winner of both the theme and the People's Choice awards.

Other Granges with booths were Abernethy #346, Beavercreek #276, Milwaukie #268, Molalla #310 and Sunnyside. Additionally, Clackamas County Pomona Grange #1 had a double booth with the back part, up against the wall, focusing on Grange information and Clackamas County "Granges in Action." In front was an activities center with coloring and games sheets focusing on agriculture and the fair theme for the younger visitors. More than 300 sheets were picked up and used.

The Pomona Grange also sells fresh baked cookies from the kitchen in Horning Hall. About 10,000 cookies were sold over the 5-day run of the fair. Returning this year after a successful debut last year were large dill pickles on a stick which were even more popular. Twenty-one jars of pickles were sold.



1st place and both the People's Choice and theme winner was Maplewood Grange.



2nd place went to Redland Grange



3rd place went to Clarkes Grange



4th place went to Springwater Grange

Junior Grange Corner



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OSG Junior Director

Yet again those Junior Grangers make me sooo proud!! I agreed to be the main host for the first day of the Log Cabin at the State Fair. And that being that first day meant there was work to be done and things to be worked out. I had so many amazing volunteers all day long. Thank you all!

The first shift had six Juniors plus five adults there to help. We got busy and finished getting the Grange display boards put together with pictures, names, and activities for each of the districts. And were able to identify all but two of the unmarked Grange pictures. The Juniors placed most of the items on the boards and it looked great. With the Juniors doing the placement of the items on the boards, that meant the rest of us were free to "meet and greet" our visitors. There seemed to be a lot of meaningful questions and genuine interest in the Grange and how they could see themselves becoming part of an organization like ours.

The second shift saw two more Juniors joining me along with four adult volunteers and many more visitors to the Log Cabin. Several visitors wanted more information and took the pamphlet with the application. The last shift of the day continued with the visitors liking what they saw about all the community events and heard they about Grange. Many of them took bulletins and pamphlets for more information. I hope they follow through and we see more members soon.

Summer has come and gone with what seemed like a whirlwind of activities. And to quote those infomercials, "But Wait. There's more." I think the truly busy time of the year is upon us. So many farmer's markets, pie auctions, harvest dinners, and potlucks to feature the "fruits of our labor" from all of our hard work over the summer. Then we have Trunk or Treats, haunted houses, Halloween, Salutes to Veterans, Thanksgiving, craft fairs and bazaars, gift baskets, clothing drives and so many ways of giving back to those in need, leading up to Christmas. Throughout all of these activities please remember to include those Junior members. They will step up to do most anything you ask them to. They have fantastic ideas and those out-of-the-box perspectives they offer, really turn out to be some of the best ways to make your event more successful. And the best part, They LOVE to help us out and be included!

I have a User Agreement on the way from Camp MyrtIewood for a Junior Weekend in January. It will be a three-day, two-night event over the MLK Jr. Day weekend, January 16, 17 and 18, 2027. We will be making our own meals, plus added to being in the off-season, makes this a really affordable event for us. At this time, I believe the cost for each camper will be $25 at the most and could be even less.

Since this is their off season, we will be the only group staying there and will have almost total access to the entire camp. Of course, there will be a need for adult chaperones/counselors (hopefully with some cooking skills) to help out. There are eleven camping sites for RVs (not sure of exactly what hook-ups, yet) if Mom and Dad, Aunts, Uncles etc. want to bring the whole family for the weekend. Watch for a mailer coming to your Grange with registration information.

I would like to welcome, Sandie Eisenlohr, Little Deschutes Grange #939 in LaPine, and Peggy Jillson , Irving Grange #377 in Eugene to the Junior committee. They join Grace Merchant who represents District 4. I still would like to have volunteers from Districts 1 and 3 to help on the Committee for the Junior Program. If you would like to be a part of the Junior Committee, please email me at vickietthorpp@yahoo.com.

Growing Forward.

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

GROW stands for Go Right On Working!!!

Veterans



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Greetings to all Veterans, hope all is well.

To those who do not know me here is a small bio. I am Alan Becker, president of Warren Grangec #536 in St. Helens. I am a retired Air Force Veteran with 28 years of Service for our country.

I would like to thank all the District Chairs who have volunteered for their districts.

The theme this year is "What is a Veteran?" I feel this is an important question for all of us to answer. We have Veterans in our Granges that have a story to tell, and I encourage all Granges to reach out not only to the veterans in your Grange but also those in your community, "What is their story?"

Who they are, when did they serve, what branch, and what was their job?

The next thing that I would like to see (or hear about) is what is your Grange doing to recognize Veterans? I talked with the District Chairs and was informed about quilts being given out, veteran stand downs, free breakfast in November. To those reading this article, what does your Grange do to recognize veterans?

Last, I would like to mention two things – first is about the 988+1 program available to all vets who need help, if you know a vet going through a tough time please share this number with them. The second is a reminder for the Veterans Day parade in Albany on November 11th, please try to attend this event if you can.

Thank you, have a Blessed month.

District 5 - Daniel Mitchell
New Bridge Grange #789 - Baker County



L-r: Patsy Mitchell, New Bridge Grange President, with Bill Melnikoff, another veteran that Dan wanted recognized and Dan receiving his quilt.

Daniel Mitchell, a member of New Bridge Grange #789 served in the US Navy from 1964-1986, retiring as a Senior Chief Petty Officer. Dan was on the US Navy Shooting team and managed a number of gun clubs after leaving the service. retiring. He is the Bingo caller at New Bridge Grange and is involved with the music and sing at his church.

A reporter from their local paper came to the presentation to cover the story and get pictures.

Oregon Grange State Grange - Veterans of the Year

District 1 - Tonya Black
Smith River Grange #585, Douglas County



On the left in purple is Tonya Black with her friend Tim, receiving her quilt from Grange Secretary Rita Houston.

Tonya Black, Spring River Grange #585 served in the US Navy from 1990-1992. Tonya has been active in the Smith River Grange all of her life, currently serves as Master of the Grange and is active in every aspect of keeping the Grange going. She is a community minded individual.

Tonya was overcome with the presentation of the beautiful quilt. Her Grange surprised her at their last month's Grange breakfast with a room full of loyal breakfast customers and friends.

She was very honored.

District 2 - Lloyd Anderson
Central Grange #360, Lane County



State Gatekeeper, Patrick Dearth, presented District 2 "Veteran of the Year" Lloyd Anderson on the left, with a beautiful quilt at the Central Grange's July Hootenanny.

Lloyd Anderson from Central Grange #360, served in the US Army from 1966-1968. Lloyd uses his talent playing guitar and singing to raise money for projects to help veterans. He uses money raised to donate to housing for veterans and to purchases socks for Lane County Stand Down.

District 3 - Jerry Marquette
Warren Grange #536 - Columbia County

Jerry Marquette, a member of Warren Gramge #536 served in the US Navy from 1963-1983 retiring as a Chief Warrant Officer 4. Although he is retired (sort of) he continues to serve in the community. He serves on the Board of the St Helens Senior center and helps with the cooking. He is involved in the Columbia count Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), active with the 12 Step Recovery program, driving others to Dr. appointments, helping his grandson with four or five groups of foster kids, and driving his great-grandkids and friend's kids in the Kiwanis Parade for the past six years. He loves working in his yard and restoring classic vehicles; a 1937 Ford Seat-bed Tuck, a 1940 Ford Fire Truck, a 1930 Model coupe, and a 1957 Ford Farlain 500.

State Grange President Susan Noah visited the Columbia County Farm Museum on July 15th to personally present Jerry with the handmade quilt. Jerry was found doing what he enjoys most, volunteering at the Pomona Grange Farm Museum during the Columbia County Fair; as one of their most knowledgeable curators and greeters, sharing his knowledge of agricultural history with visitors.



L-r: Jerry Marquette being presented his quilt from the Veterans Committee by State Grange President Susan Noah.

District 4 - Gary Dumolt
Beavercreek Grange #276 - Clackamas County



L-r: Gary Dumolt receiving a quilt made by the quilters at Garfield Grange from his cousin, Beavercreek Grange Secretary, Kim Schettig.

Gary Dumolt, a member of Beavercreek Grange #276 served in the US Navy for 10 years and 4 months. Gary in a lifelong Granger having joined the Junior Grange as age 5. He is the current Master of Beavercreek. He is lifetime member of the Molalla VFW post 3973 and has served as Scoutmaster of BSA Troop 257 for over 19 years.





Government Affairs

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Hello Grangers,

Since the 2026 legislative session concluded in early March, the Oregon State Legislature has been in the interim period throughout the summer. For legislators, this phase is less about floor votes and more about oversight, interim committee work, and setting the stage for the 2027 session.

Here is a summary of the landscape for the summer of 2026:

Interim Committee Focus

Legislators have been holding interim committee meetings to monitor the implementation of bills passed earlier this year. Key areas of oversight include:

1. Housing and Infrastructure: With the major investments passed in the 2026 session, committees are tracking the deployment of these funds to ensure local projects are moving forward as intended.

2. Budgetary Review: The Joint Committee on Ways and Means is reviewing agency spending to ensure fiscal stability in light of the revenue changes enacted in the spring.

3. Regulatory Implementation: Agencies are currently in the rulemaking phase for the new consumer protection and immigration-related laws, which is a critical time for stakeholders to provide input on how these statutes will be applied.

Campaign Activity and Political Climate

As it is an election year, the Capitol has been relatively quiet in terms of formal legislative action. Most lawmakers have been focused on:

4. Constituent Outreach: Legislators are heavily involved in district work, town halls, and local events to connect with voters ahead of the November elections.

5. Ballot Initiative Monitoring: With the election approaching, there is significant attention on the status of various ballot measures. As we are currently advocating for initiatives requiring 50 signatures per county, this environment is particularly relevant to our work, as political groups are finalizing their campaign messaging and coalition building.

Preparation for 2027

While the summer is technically an "off" season for the legislature, it is the peak time for policy development. Legislative concepts (LCs) for the 2027 session are beginning to take shape. Legislators are currently:

6. Drafting Concepts: Working with Legislative Counsel to turn policy ideas into formal bill drafts.

7. Building Coalitions: Identifying potential allies and opponents for the next session's agenda.

8. Stakeholder Engagement: Meeting with agency heads and interest groups to socialize ideas before the formal session begins.

Thus, this gives you a background on what is going on in the Oregon State Legislature.

Happy Trails



All Grangers are invited

OSG Legislative Forum Zoom Meeting

When: Wednesday October 28 @ 7 pm PDT
Where: Zoom

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

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Legislative Update

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(Note: although IP 28 did fail to collect enough validated signatures to appear on the November 2026 ballot, supporters have vowed to try again, believing they have gained momentum. As a result of the negative publicity the proposal received it is to be hoped that some eyes were opened and the next such petition attempt will be less successful, but the well-heeled promoters of IP-28 will undoubtedly try again. Following is the argument that the Oregon State Grange would have placed in the Oregon Voters Pamphlet in opposition to IP 28)

Oregon State Grange Strongly Opposes IP 28

IP 28 is a wolf in sheep's clothing. The Oregon State Grange strongly opposes IP 28 because it would have devastating consequences for both animals and the agricultural community. Grange is a family fraternal service organization with a strong rural connection and a historic relationship with agriculture. We value kindness to animals and respect for agriculture, and we recognize the importance of animal welfare. However, this ballot measure takes a misguided approach that would cripple vital farming and ranching practices, disrupt recreational activities, and hinder the ability of families to care for their pets.

IP 28 would impose stringent regulations that could lead to significant economic fallout. Farmers, guides, veterinarians, farriers, and others who depend on animal-related occupations would face job losses and reduced income. The ripple effect of these job losses would not only impact individuals but also threaten the livelihoods of entire communities that rely on agriculture and tourism.

Moreover, the measure's restrictions would necessitate the importation of meat and animal products, leading to increased costs for Oregonians. This shift would not only burden average citizens with higher prices but could also result in increased pollution and environmental impact due to the transportation of food from outside the state. Our local farmers are committed to sustainable practices, and this measure would undermine their efforts to provide fresh, locally sourced food.

Additionally, Oregon's tourist industry, which thrives on outdoor activities such as hunting and fishing, would suffer. By limiting access to these activities, IP 28 would deter visitors and negatively affect local economies reliant on tourism.

In conclusion, while we advocate for animal welfare, the far-reaching implications of IP 28 would outweigh any potential benefits. The Oregon State Grange believes that a more balanced approach is necessary—one that supports animal care while also protecting the livelihoods of those who work with animals and ensuring the economic stability of our rural communities.

Oregon Granges Schedule Candidate Forums

Several Granges around the state have scheduled **Meet the Candidates** and **Candidate Forum**s for the November election. Below are listed those who provided the Bulletin with information by the deadline.

October 4 12-30-4pm
Columbia Grange #267
37493 NE Grange Hall Rd
Corbett
Oregon House District 52

October 4 2-5pm
Frogpond Grange #111
27536 S Stafford Rd
Wilsonville
Clackamas County Commissioners, Sheriff, and County Clerk positions

October 10 2-4pm
Maplewood Grange #662
25480 S Hwy 99E
Aurora
Marion County Commissioners
Oregon House District 18

October 15 6:30pm
Silverton Grange #748
201 Division
Silverton
Marion County Commissioners
Oregon House District 18

October 18 2-5pm
Springwater Grange #263
24591 S Springwater Rd
Estacada
Clackamas County Commissioners, Sheriff, and County Clerk positions

Granges are nonpartition and do not endorse any particular candidates. They do believe in having an educated electorate.

Oregon State Grange Policies Due to Sunset In 2027 *pages 17-19*

During the 2022 Oregon State Grange Convention the GO #4: Procedure for Sunsetting Policies was adopted.

Resolved: That sunsetting policies be printed in the Oregon State Grange Bulletin at least once within 12 months before they will expire, so that any Granger wishing to argue for retention of any of these policies will have plenty of opportunity to introduce a new resolution for consideration by their Grange and potentially forwarding to the delegates to the next Oregon State Grange convention for that purpose, and be it further

Resolved: That all Oregon State Grange policies due to sunset in a given year and not addressed by resolution at that year's delegate convention shall be deleted from the Oregon State Grange Legislative Policy Handbook.

School Expenses And Funding

The State Grange strongly supports the use of a **graduated income tax** to finance schools. We also support a limitation on the amount of taxes that can be levied on real property. We will continue to look at alternative methods of school funding. **72.78, 2.89, LE11.90, LE3.17**

We urge the State Legislature to provide funds for the continuation of the **Head Start Program**. **ED01.95, LE3.17**

Subjects Taught In Schools

The Oregon State Grange is in favor of reinstituting a course of study that includes arts and music, as well as fundamentals and vocational subjects.**ED6.17**

The Oregon State Grange believes that students have the right to voluntary **reference to God** and voluntary non-sectarian prayer should be permitted in schools. **25.79, ED6.17**

We favor any legislation that provides state support for **vocational education** and we encourage federal funding of these programs. **ED6.17**

The Oregon State Grange strongly supports **vocational agricultural programs,** and we oppose any reduction of agricultural science and technology programs in Oregon high schools. **42.78, 79.81, ED5.92, ED6.17**

The Oregon State Grange supports teaching the accomplishments and **contributions of the Grange** when presenting the history of our state and country. **ED6.17**

We urge all high schools to provide **Driver Education** at an appropriate funding level as part of their educational program and will work to get legislative funding for schools that provide Driver Ed courses. **TSCR.95, ED6.17**

The Oregon State Grange Education Committee encourages local Granges to work with their local schools to get **'Get Oregonized'** adopted as a textbook and develop guidelines/talking points for local Granges to use to accomplish this goal. **3.86, ED1.17**

Schools

The Oregon State Grange supports **higher nutritional foods and drinks** in Oregon Public Schools. **ED1.05, ED5.17**

We support the adoption of a **closed campus** structure by all school districts. **76.86, ED5.17**

The Oregon State Grange supports strong and appropriate discipline of students, after thorough investigation, for incidents involving **threats of violence** and weapons in or on the school grounds or buildings. **ED1.98, ED5.17**

We seek adequate funding for our **land Grant colleges**. Also, we ask the Governor of Oregon and the leadership at Oregon State University, Oregon's only Land Grant college, to continue positive emphasis on a curriculum for an agricultural major.**ED5.17**

The Oregon State Grange seeks to require schools to notify parents or guardian of the **absence** of their child from school by noon. **ED1.02, ED5.17**

Oregon State Grange opposes US Dept of Education **Common Core State Standards** (CCSS) and will lobby the Governor of Oregon to withdraw from the CCSS and keep K-12 education student-centered and accountable to the people of the State of Oregon. **ED2.17**

Oregon State Grange calls for reexamination of **public-school accountability systems**, development of a system based on multiple forms of assessment that do not require extensive standardized testing and more accurately reflect student learning. We call for overhaul of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, reduce testing mandates, promote multiple forms of evidence of student learning and school quality, and not mandate any fixed role for the use of student test scores in evaluating educators. **ED3.17**

US Flag, Anthem, and Pledge of Allegiance

The Oregon State Grange favors having the **Pledge of Allegiance** maintained as a part of each school day's proceedings, and infuse the meaning of this pledge when appropriate. **LE10.99, ED7.17**

Cooperative Extension Service, Agricultural Education Programs

The members of the Oregon State Grange support the continued funding of an efficient effective **Cooperative Extension Service** at local and state levels. **LE2.17**

We also support **'on farm' testing** by the Cooperative Extension Service as a method of evaluating and adapting research information to local areas. **LE2.17**

The **4-H program**, funded through the Extension Service, should be maintained even if the Extension Service is eliminated or its funds are severely cut. The 4-H program could be funded in a different manner if necessary. **AG2.91, LE2.17**

Oregon State Grange believes the Oregon legislature should provide **state funding** for the Oregon FFA Association and agricultural education in Oregon schools.

ED4.17 Maintain state funding for FFA and Extension Service; OSU Extension should prioritize 4H funding;

Energy And Utilities

Energy Policy An Energy Policy should promote the economic and efficient use of our natural resources to produce energy, and to develop all energy sources that are feasible using proven technology. **UT4.17**

The Oregon State Grange supports the **waste to energy** concept (as seen in the Covanta-Marion, Inc. plant in Brooks, Oregon) as a recommended method of disposing of garbage. This method not only safely disposes of waste through incineration, but produces saleable power during the same operation. We will lobby for solid waste-to-energy facilities such as this. **UT2.17**

We resolve to work with all PUDs, co-ops, and municipalities to establish and build more **waste to energy plants.**

We must renew our search for **new types of electrical power sources** as we increase our energy production levels. At the same time, we must strive to eliminate pollution to the atmosphere and water. The development of wind, solar, geothermal, and other renewable power sources should be encouraged. All alternative sources of energy should be developed and put into production. **52.88, UT4.90, Energy Rpt.90, UT2.17**

The State Grange believes that we must continue to work toward **energy conservation**, not only in the use of electrical power, but also in our use of water. This would ensure the costs of both are kept to a minimum. **Energy Rpt.90, UT2.17**

The Oregon State Grange **opposes deregulation** of any processor or industry that will affect the rural community unless proof of some economic gain can be realized by the consumer. **LE2.97, UT2.17**

The Oregon State Grange recommends that every effort be made to restore affected farmland to its former condition and fertility by any **pipeline construction** company. **UT1.02, UT2.17**

BPA and PUDS

The Oregon State Grange strongly opposes any proposed sale of the **Bonneville Power Administration.** The Oregon State Grange has historically disagreed with the principle of private ownership of utilities, and we not only oppose a sale of the BPA, but also any other sale of federally owned and administered power installations in the United States. We will continue our support of the BPA, and we further recognize and support its goal to maintain low-cost power for the future. **4.86, 84.87, UT1.17**

The State Grange endorses the taxation of the beneficial use, by non-federal legal entities, of the federal owned **electric transmission lines** established throughout Oregon. These lines are and have been constructed by and/or for the BPA. **79.87, UT1.17**

The Oregon State Grange strongly supports all existing **Public Utility Districts**, and favors the establishment of new PUDs. We also oppose the passage of any legislation that would require newly formed PUDs to purchase high-priced co-generated power when other power is available at lower cost. We further seek to protect the public preference clause that provides many northwest consumers with low-cost energy. **38.77, 82.78, 31.87, 88.88, UT1.17**

The Oregon State Grange support efforts to establish **PUD districts** in the low-population counties, so as to maintain local control over rates and services. **UT2.00, UT1.17**

The Oregon State Grange promotes **water power development** and the establishment of People's Water Utility Districts in the State of Oregon; and we also promote the formation of the People's Utility District to manage and operate the Bull Run water supply system to supply water to Portland and the surrounding communities. **UT3.02, UT1.17**

Environment and Ecology

We believe that fire departments should have authority to issue burning permits within their respective districts. If there is no fire department, we believe there should be some appointed authority that knows the areas' needs to issue these permits. **EE4.17**

Chemicals, Toxins, Waste Disposal

The Oregon State Grange supports strict enforcement of laws regarding **release of hazardous/toxic chemical** substances and containers. Also, we believe it is the industries' responsibility to ensure that adequate processing is in place to dispose of and neutralize pollutants. **EE3.17**

The Oregon State Grange resolves to work toward educating the public on the dangers of producing chlorine **bleached paper products**. We will work with the Oregon Legislature to encourage companies that produce paper products to stop chlorine bleaching. **EE1.90, EE3.17**

Recycling

The Oregon State Grange supports the **Oregon Bottle Bill**. We recognize the positive effect it has had on our ecology and communities. The Grange continues to work with the Oregon Legislature to pass an additional bill that would include all drink containers sold in Oregon. **17.75, 85.88, EE2.96, NR3.05, EE7.17**

The Oregon State Grange supports the formulation of legislation that bans all **non-biodegradable** materials used by restaurants as packaging for take-out foods. **EE1.89, EE7.17**

The Oregon State Grange will work with the Legislature to make **recycling mandatory** for all public and private agencies, institutions and industries. **86.88, EE7.17**

The Oregon State Grange encourages curbside recycling agencies, and private agencies, institutions, and industries to **accept plastics** along with other recyclables. **EE2.93, EE7.17**

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Endangered Species Act

believe that the decision on declaring any species endangered should be made on science that has been peer-reviewed by the National Science Foundation. **EE5.01, EE5.17**

Federal Services—Social Security

The State Grange opposes the taxation of an individual's **Social Security** income. We believe that monies funded for Social Security should not be used for any purpose other than retirement payments. We ask that every commitment to Americans, who qualify for Social Security and Medicare, be kept in good faith, and that Social Security benefits be restored to all American born in **"notch years"** (after 1916). **FA5.17**

The Oregon State Grange supports the **Notch Fairness Act**. **FA3.01, FA5.17**

We urge the Congress of the US to protect our **Social Security and Medicare** programs. Further there should not be reductions in the cost of living increases for Social Security in order to help reduce the deficit. Also, any person who works after becoming eligible for Social Security payments should still receive his full payments regardless of the amount that he earns and should not be penalized by having Social Security payments cut. **FA5.17**

We will work toward a change in calculating the **percentage of pay increases** for Social Security recipients so that they benefit all citizens on an equal dollar basis. **FA5.17**

The State Grange of Oregon supports legislation to make the Social Security Administration an **independent agency** and thus remove their trust funds from all deficit calculations. This will ensure the trust funds would only be used to pay Social Security benefits. **FA5.17**

We ask the State of Oregon to **reimburse juror mileage** at the federal standard. **LE9.17**

Postal Service

The Oregon State Grange supported the continuation of the flow of **mail to rural areas**, preserving Monday through Saturday delivery. **FA8.17**

Foreign and Domestic Services

The Oregon State Grange supports establishing a **Civilian Work Organization** to provide training and job opportunities for those individuals who are eligible for public assistance. Such job opportunities could be developed within public programs such as forestry, parks, and recreation. **85.87, FA6.17**

Many foreign countries do not recognize or obey **international laws**, putting American citizens' safety and lives in jeopardy.

Foreign and Domestic Services

The Oregon State Grange supports the stand of the American Legion and the VFW on the return of **POWs and MIAs** so they can once again be united with their families and loved ones.**FA5.02, FA6.17**

The Oregon State Grange opposes any and all attempts to impose taxation of the citizens of the United States by the **United Nations** or any other international body. **FA8.01, FA6.17**

The Oregon State Grange opposes any effort to subject the citizens of the United States to a **one-world government** (such as the United Nations) that does not maintain and guarantee to the people of the United States the same rights, freedoms and protections guaranteed by our current Constitution. Any such change would be considered an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which must be submitted to the states and the people of the United States of America for approval. **FA10.01**, **FA6.17**

Federal Monetary Affairs

The State Grange believes all **tax loopholes** that allow large companies to receive subsidies, federal credits and guarantees should be halted. **FA3.17**

Congress, Judges, President

The Oregon State Grange is in favor of a **limited term of office** for US Senators and Representatives, to a maximum of 12 years for each of these offices. **9.82, 15.83, 47.85, FIA1a.89, FA10.90, FA2.92, FA3.17**

The Oregon State Grange urges Oregon members of Congress to sponsor or co-sponsor legislation that would give our President **line-item veto authority**. **LE3.89, FA4.92, FA3.17**

The Oregon State Grange supports retaining the provision in the Constitution to limit candidates for President to only **"natural born citizens." FA3.05, FA3.17**

The Oregon State Grange opposes all attempts by any and all legislative bodies to abridge the right of free US citizens to **keep and bear arms. FA9.01, FA4.04, FA3.17**

The Oregon State Grange supports judges who are on the record as defending the **right to keep and bear arms. FA9.04, FA3.17**

The Oregon State Grange supports the **Writ of Habeas Corpus**. **FA4.03, FA3.17**

National Electsions, Electoral College

The Oregon State Grange and the National Grange shall work for passage of a law to prevent **announcing (releasing) any returns** until all polls in the United States have closed. **FA4.01, FA7.17**

The Oregon State Grange supports a measure to prohibit the giving or selling of **personal information** by the Internal Revenue Service or tax preparers. **FA2.06, FA7.17**

The Oregon State Grange supports legislation permitting law enforcement agencies to report **individuals without proper documentation** to the proper federal authorities. **LE3.07, FA7.17**

Metric System

The State Grange supports the continued change over to the **Metric System**. **FA7.89, FA7.17**

Driver's License

The Oregon State Grange supports issuance of a **driver's license** with valid proof of a Social Security number. **LE6.06, LE12.17**

Constitution

The Oregon State Grange supports the **U.S. Constitution** and will oppose any Congressional effort to violate the Constitution. **FA6.07, FA7.17**

Financial Affairs

The Oregon State Grange supports **local control** of land assessments. These controls would be handled by locally nominated and elected tax assessors. **Le05.02, FIA4.17**

The Oregon State Grange supports reasonable **income and property** taxes that do not penalize the farmer, the homeowner, or those on fixed incomes. **FIA4.17**

The State Grange believes that domestic property owners should be given the same privileges as foreign investors. They also should be given the right to use their local property taxes as a credit against federal and **state income taxes**. **FIA4.17**

We support a tax credit of up to $10,000 for a **first-time home buyer**. **FIA2.91, FIA4.17**

We support **Tax Policy** that:

1. Maintains agricultural and forestry property tax exemptions. **FIA4.94, FIA4.17**

The Oregon State Grange goes on record in strong opposition to the taxation of properties belonging to religious, fraternal, charitable or educational organizations, while these properties are being used for **non-profit** purposes. This would be in exception to their 'for profit' enterprises. **6.81, LE12.92, FIA4.17**

We support a tax incentive program on **historical buildings** placed on the National Historic Register. **LE06.92, FIA4.17**

The Oregon State Grange believes that state-wide tax issues should be voted on in a **general election** rather than a special election. **16.83, FIA4.17**

The Oregon State Grange believes efforts should be made to **reduce government spending** rather than creating new taxes. **12.80, 4.82, 57.83, FIA5.91, FIA4.17**

The Oregon State Grange supports legislation ensuring that all single land parcels over ten acres currently on the **tax rolls** cannot be removed without specific approval of the county in which the land is located and the State Legislature. **FIA3.01, FIA4.17**

The Oregon State Grange encourages the United States Congress to repeal the **federal death tax**. **FIA1.02, FIA4.17**

The Oregon State Grange supports the Oregon **"Kicker" Law. LE12.06, FiA4.17**

The Oregon State Grange supports revisions to the **PERS** system that will maintain the system's viability into the future. **LE9.02, LE9.17**

The Oregon State Grange supports changes in statute or rule to allow an individual to accept a **stipend** from a non-profit organization in lieu of standard wages. **LE5.05, LE9.17**

The Oregon State Grange supports legislation to regulate **payday loan interest rates**.**LE9.17**

Oregon State Grange opposes changes to or removal of tax-exempt status of fraternal, charitable and religious non-profit organizations. **FIA1.17**

Banking

We believe that no one should be allowed to request a **credit report** on any individual without the written permission of the individual involved. **FIA1.99, FIA3.17**

County Fair Funding

We oppose the elimination of **lottery funds** to county fairs and will seek to have these funds included in the budget approved by the Legislature. **FIA04.93, FIA3.17**

The Oregon State Grange seeks to provide an adequate and permanent source of **funding for county fairs in Oregon. LE9.99, FIA3.17**

We support **no cuts** to county fair appropriations. **LE13.93, FIA3.17**

The Oregon State Grange supports allocating monies from the Administrative Services Economic Development Fund to the **County Fair Account** equal to 1.2 percent of net proceeds from the Oregon State Lottery for the purpose of carrying out the operations of county fairs, including the payment of administrative costs. **LE3.01, LE9.17**

The Use Of Alcoholic Beverages

The Oregon State Grange stands in opposition to lowering the **legal drinking age** on alcoholic beverages. We are also opposed to any changes made in how alcoholic drinks are currently being dispensed, and we believe the OLCC and the OLCC liquor stores should be maintained. We ask that private business not be allowed to take control of this industry. **68, 94.78, HW5.17**

We support legislation for tougher penalties against driving while under the influence of intoxicants **(DUII)**. Also, that injury and death resulting from this crime should carry the charge of assault with a deadly weapon; the offender will be held solely responsible for their crime, not sharing the liability with any third party. **HW5.17**

Finally, to protect citizens and ease the burden of higher taxes raised to enforce the control of drunk driving and driving under the influence of legal and or illegal drugs, we support **confiscation of vehicles** and other materials used in drug and drunk driving incidents. **HW5.17**

Health Care And Health Providers

We support the practice of allowing hospitals and emergency rooms to issue a prescription for short-term **handicapped parking permits**. **HW7.92, HW4.17**

We favor placing mentally deficient and emotionally disturbed children and adults in community-based residential or non-residential group or foster homes. This would be preferable to placement in state institutions and nursing homes. In **group or foster homes** these people have the chance to learn academic and vocational skills that they would not get otherwise. **15, 57.77, HW4.17**

The Oregon State Grange supports any programs, as well as legislative efforts, that address the **rural health crisis**. We also support the Oregon Area Health Education Center, Office of Rural Health, and Federal Office of Rural Health Policy. We recognize and applaud all state and local efforts to recruit and retain rural health care providers. **HW3.89, HW4.17**

The Oregon State Grange opposes any legislation that would lower, to the age of 16, the end of a **parent's legal responsibilities** for raising their children. **46.76, HW4.17**

The Oregon State Grange supports permanent funding for **rural first responders**, EMT continuing education programs and the Mobile Training Unit of the Oregon Public Health Division. **HW1.97, HW4.17**

Oregon State Grange advocates for legislation supporting the **at-risk and disadvantaged senior** citizen population of Oregon rural counties. **HW2.17**

Controlling And Dispensing Food

Senior meal sites are of primary importance to the elderly, not only for aid in giving them a balanced nutritional diet but also for the social contact. We therefore believe that revenue sharing funds for this purpose should not be curtailed. **23.83, 10.85, HW3.17**

Firearms

The Oregon State Grange opposes actions that would interfere with the second amendment and our **freedom to keep guns** as personal private property. We oppose any legislation that restricts ownership of firearms, except restrictions imposed upon convicted felons. **21.77, LE6.89, LE5.17**

We support legislation that requires courts to impose **maximum penalties**, without possibility of parole, on all persons convicted of using a firearm of any description, real or fake, in the commission of a felony. **LE5.90, LE5.17**

Crime, Victims Of Crime, Criminal Sentences and Parole

We resolve to work to have Oregon law changed to provide that when a criminal who has been convicted of a crime of violence is released from prison, paroled, furloughed, placed on work release, or moved from one prison to another the **victim** or close family member **shall be notified** well in advance of the date and time of such **release**. **4.88, LE1.90, LE4.17**

We ask that dangerously violent criminals be confined in prison to serve out their **entire sentence without parole** and those serving sentences for lesser crimes be required to make restitution for those crimes. **LE4.17**

We believe that **Parole Boards** should be restricted in their power as follows: 1. Persons convicted of premeditated murder shall not be eligible for parole. 2. Persons convicted of murder during the commission of another crime, or attempting to avoid apprehension, shall not be eligible for parole. 3. Persons convicted of killing police officers or prison guards shall not be eligible for parole. 4. No person shall be eligible for parole until he has served at least two-thirds of the sentence imposed by the court. **LE4.17**

The Oregon State Grange supports **child predators'** laws. **FA9.05, LE4.17**

We further believe that all convicted **sex offenders** shall be required to complete a sex offender treatment program before release on parole, or as a condition of any probation. Failure to complete a treatment program as ordered by the court will result in the immediate revocation of probation and/or parole and sentencing to the maximum term of imprisonment allowed under the law. **FA03, FA5.90, HW4.92, HW5.92, LE4.17**

The Oregon State Grange supports legislation to not allow mental illness or incapacity because of the use of drugs or alcohol as a **defense for felony sexual crimes**. **LE7.04, LE4.17**

The Oregon State Grange supports listing public and private elementary schools, secondary schools, and licensed day care centers as places 'children are likely to be present' in determining where convicted **pedophiles** live. **LE2.01, LE4.17**

The Oregon State Grange supports laws prohibiting the act of willful, malicious, and repeated acts of following or **harassing** another person. The offender must present a credible threat of intent to place the person(s) in reasonable fear of death or great bodily harm. **LE4.17**

We continue to support Oregon **Stalking** laws. **LE14.93, LE4.17**

We support stricter punishment for **kidnapping**. **LE4.17**

The Oregon State Grange supports holding **minor children** accountable for their criminal acts. **HW2.98, LE4.17**

The Oregon State Grange favors legislation that would make it a felony, punishable by a fine of not less than one thousand dollars ($1,000) and a jail sentence of 15 months or more for the theft of the **equipment used by handicapped persons**. **HW1.01, LE4.17**

The Oregon State Grange supports legislation to ensure that **convicted felons are not allowed voting privileges** while they are still incarcerated. **LE16.06, LE4.17**

Police Officers, Corrections Officials And Criminal Facilities

The Oregon State Grange opposes budget cuts that would result in the reduction of the number of beds available to hold **serious juvenile offenders**. **LE6.17**

The Oregon State Grange lobbies for sufficient funding for the **Oregon Department of Corrections**. **LE8.92, LE6.17**

The Oregon State Grange supports legislation that protects **high value farm land** from being converted to **prison sites**. **LE8.97, LE6.17**

The Oregon State Grange favors a return to dedicated funding for the **Oregon State Police**. **LE10.06, LE6.17**

Insurance Coverage And Settlement

The Oregon State Grange (OSG) encourages the Oregon State Legislature and US Congress to remove the obstacles **acupuncture** has encountered with insurance coverage. **50.81, IN1.17**

The OSG encourages the Oregon State legislature and Oregon State Insurance Commission to include Parents-In-Need, who are members of a household in the **"List of Dependents." IN3.95, IN1.17**

The OSG will work with members of the Oregon State Legislature to get the high cost of **liability insurance** and excessive settlements under control. This could be achieved by some or all of the following: Reasonable limits on jury awards for non-economic damage; Liability should be assessed only in proportion to actual fault attributed to each negligent party, and a separate judgment rendered for that proportion. **IN1.17**

The OSG favors a change in **liability law** stating a person entering upon private property, property not used as a place of business, of their own free will, or engaged in any illegal activity assumes all accident liability. **20.80, IN1.17**

The OSG supports requiring insurance companies **pay claims** within 45 days of

receiving properly completed forms and bills. **HW2.01, IN1.17**
The OSG requests the American Medical Association, hospital insurance, private insurance, workers' compensation insurance and state and federally funded insurance to discontinue the use or the term **'recreational drugs.' HW7.01, IN1.17**

Political Candidates

The Oregon State Grange supports holding the Oregon State **Presidential Primary** Election on the second Tuesday of March. **LE7.00, LE10.17**
The Oregon State Grange believes that all **ballot measures** should state their true meaning in clear, concise language. Also, these measures should be written in a manner that a yes vote is to implement a measure and a no vote is to reject it. **LE10.17**
In the event the Legislature places a measure on a ballot that is similar to one placed on the ballot by **initiative petition**, the people's initiative will have priority and become law if a majority vote yes. **LE10.17**
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The Oregon State Grange supports requiring the **Voters' pamphlet** be mailed at least 30 days prior to an election. **LE1.01, LE10.17**
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Dwellings

The Oregon State Grange favors repeal of the $80,000 income and the one-year-limit laws for placing a dwelling in an EFU zone if the property in question formerly contained a **habitable dwelling**. **LE7.01, LE9.17**
The Oregon State Grange supports the elimination of the $80,000 income requirement (and other arbitrary and unrealistic requirements) to qualify for a **farm dwelling** on land zoned EFU. **LE8.98, LE9.17**
We resolve to join forces with other agencies in getting legislation enacted that would protect renters in **mobile home parks** and to support a state panel set up to mediate violations of these rental controls. **LE7.90, LE9.17**

Private Property Rights

We are against the abrogation of **private property rights** and will use any means necessary to return and defend private property rights. **LE5.95, LE11.17**
The Oregon State Grange supports protecting the **private property rights** from eminent domain. **LE8.06, LE11.17**
The Oregon State Grange supports prohibiting **public access** on private property without the owner's consent and actively opposes any legislation to the contrary. **LE12.99, LE12.17**

Unpopular Legislative Laws And Proposals

We believe that when boundary lines of property are surveyed, **adjoining property** owner(s) must be notified by registered mail within two weeks following the survey if there are changes. **LE2.92, LE12.17**
The Oregon State Grange supports legislation to permit non-profit organizations with an annual budget under $30,000 to be issued **building permits as homeowners** rather than corporations, to allow members/ volunteers to make repairs, subject to passing the required state and local inspections. **LE11.97, LE12.17**
The Oregon State Grange supports legislation that would do away with the **nuisance laws** pertaining to farmers and ranchers. County land planning and zoning should have equal representation of farmer and ranchers, along with representatives from other walks of life. **90.81, LE12.17**
We reaffirm our policy on the **separation of state and religion** in the public-school system. **30.83, LE12.17**
We are in favor of package or **modular homes**. However, we believe that any such homes erected in the United States should also be manufactured in the USA. **29.84, LE12.17**
The Oregon State Grange urgently requests State Legislators to initiate adequate legislation to fully protect the **equities of buyers of property** under contract. We also ask that legislation be enacted that will prevent acts of buyers from reflecting upon the equities of the seller of contract property. **41.87, LE12.17**
The Oregon State Grange opposes any move to **ban religious programs** from airing on radio or television. **55.82, LE12.17**
The Oregon State Grange opposes any further attrition of the **Oregon Public Records Law**. **LE7.99, LE12.17**

Miscellaneous Resolutions

The Oregon State Grange endorses the efforts of the Oregon Retired Educators Association (OREA) to repair the **Criterion Schoolhouse** and sustain this building as a symbol of and tribute to Oregon public education. **ED8.17**

Transportation And Utilities

The Oregon State Grange supports **Amtrak service** through the Columbia Gorge and on to Salt Lake City. We also oppose any cutbacks of Amtrak services to the Northwest. **TR3.17**
Motor Fuels and Taxes We oppose the legalization of **self-serve gas stations**, with the exception of commercial card lock stations and self-serve stations in very low population areas. Self-service gas stations have shown no evidence that they offer lower fuel prices, and hundreds of jobs would be lost directly impacting on Oregon's economy. **113.88, LE2.89, TR4.17**
The Oregon State Grange feels all **fuel tax** and vehicle monies, as well as interest from these monies, should be restricted solely to county roads, highways and state park use. **TR2.89, TR4.17**
We also favor the return of **federal gas tax monies** to the states for highway construction and repair before the gas tax is raised. **58.76, 92.88, LE1.97, TR4.17**
The Oregon State Grange opposes any legislation to impose **emission standards** of California in Oregon. **NR3.05, TR4.17**

Vehicle Registration And Fees

The Oregon State Grange opposes any **road tax user fee** based on mileage. **UT1.05, UT6.17**
The Oregon State Grange favors legislation to force all auto and truck manufacturers and remanufacturers to keep **vehicle headlights** within the original manufacturer's specifications and that all add-ons and repair jobs follow the rule by law. **TR1.01, TR6.17**
The Oregon State Grange supports legislation to require **headlights** to be on anytime a vehicle is in operation. **TR1.98, TR6.17**
We favor stricter enforcement of bicyclists staying in the **bike lane** where it is available to them. **TR5.95, TR6.17**
The Oregon State Grange urges the DMV to include more questions on bicycle operation and safety on the exam for a **motor vehicle driver's license**. **TR1.96, TR6.17**
The Oregon State Grange supports registration and license fees on all bicycles ridden by adults and the funds generated to be used to **build bike lanes** on county and state roads. **LE7.03, TR6.17**

Road Hazards And Road Work

We ask that all **school zones** be clearly marked. **TR3.95, TR5.17**
We urge the placement of **permanent fog markers** on all state and county roads in Oregon at the time any paving work is done. **TR5.91, TR5.17**
We contend that **US Highway 97** should be upgraded to a divided four-lane highway with trees and shrubs removed a sufficient distance to allow sunlight to melt the ice and give clear view of roadside animals. **71.88, TR5.17**
We are not in favor of creating a **Scenic Corridor Byway** on Highway 101 from Astoria to Gold Beach. **LE3.95, TR5.17**
The State Grange supports the **'Adopt-A-Highway'** bill and urges incorporating it into community projects **TR5.92, TR5.17**

General Transportation Concerns On Roads And Rivers

The Oregon State Grange supports stricter enforcement of current laws regarding **excessive tire widths** for cars and light trucks. **TR2.98, TR2.17**
The Oregon State Grange rigorously opposes the conversion of any existing roads to **toll roads**. **TR6.99, TR2.17**
The Oregon State Grange seeks to require all **traffic signal lights** throughout the state to have a uniform setting for the yellow caution light of at least five to six seconds. **TR4.01, TR2.17**
The Oregon State Grange urges ODOT, Mid-Willamette Valley Area Transportation Commission and Marion County to fund and implement project #19062 – The **Donald/Aurora Interchange** on I-5 exit 278. **TR1.17**

Telecommunications Services

The Oregon State Grange asks the Public Utility Commission to require all telephone companies within the state to make available 'Caller ID' access to all subscribers. **UT1.01, UT3.17**
We ask that consumers be able to request that they not receive recorded political telephone calls in a manner similar to the limiting of **solicitation calls**. **UT2.01, UT3.17**
The Oregon State Grange opposes the use of **telephone marketing**. **UT5.01, UT3.17**
The Oregon State Grange supports legislation to mandate programming of **ICE** (In Case of Emergency) in all cell phones by manufacturers. **UT2.07, UT3.17**

Veterans

The Oregon State Grange supports **funding for our veterans** for appropriate rehabilitation assistance. **FA15.06, VT2.17**
The Oregon State Grange believes that the U.S. Congress should adequately fund all **Veterans Hospitals** and Medical Centers. **HW2.89, HW1.9, VT2.17**
The Oregon State Grange opposes any reduction in the funding of the Oregon Department of Veteran Affairs from Oregon's General Fund and supports the addition of the **1.5% Oregon Lottery Funds** to be used for the benefit of our veterans. **VT1.17**



We Want Your Email

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

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

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

Granges Celebrate the Holidays ~ Now through December



October

October 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, 31 Beaver Homes Grange #518 **Haunted House** 6:30-9:30pm 31105 Beaver Homes Rd ~ Rainier. $6 per person - cash only

October 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25, 30 & 31 Morning Star Grange #311 **Haunted House** Opens 7:30-11pm 38794 Morning Star Rd NE ~ Albany. $7 per person

October 10 Upper Applegate Grange #839 **Apple Festival** 11am-4pm 3901 Upper Applegate Rd ~ Jacksonville. Apple baked goods, fresh press cider, Chili tasting

October 10 Mohawk-Mckenzie Grange #747 **Harvest Hoedown Bunco Party** 5-7:30pm 3055 Willakenzie Rd ~ Eugene. Light refreshments $5 per person

October 11, White Clover Grange #784 **Heritage Apple Festival** 11am-3pm 365 HWY 53 ~ Nehalem. Fresh Pressed Cider, Apple Tastings, activities for kids and raffles, food

October 16-18 Fernwood Grange #770 **Fall Bazaar** 9am-5pm 216 N Springbrook Rd ~ Newberg. Handmade Gifts, Season Décor, Unique Giftes. ~ Venders Wanted

October 16-18, 22-31 & November 1 Santiam Valley Grange #828 **Haunted House** Friday & Saturday 6-9pm, Sunday-Thursday 6-8pm 1140 5th St ~ Lyons. $5 Appropriate for all ages. Handicapped Accessible. Fog machine will be in use. Info: 503.859.2161 or 503.859.3445

October 17 Vernonia Grange #305 **Halloween or Not Bazaar** 11am-4pm 375 North Street ~ Vernonia.

October 17 & 18 Creswell Grange #496 **Autumn Bazaar** Sat 10am-3pm, Sun 11am-3pm 274 W Oregon Ave ~ Creswell.

October 24 The Sandy Grange #392 **Autumn Fest** 11am-3pm 34705 SE Kelso Rd ~ Sandy. Harvest Dinner, music, and raffles

October 24 Springwater Grange #263 **Halloween Party** 4-6:30pm 24591 S Springwater Rd ~ Estacada. Potluck, costumes, games & fun for all ages.

October 24 Redwood Grange #760 **Halloween Bunco** 5pm 1830 Redwood Ave ~ Grants Pass. Costume Contest, desserts, prizes

October 24 Hope Grange #269 **Halloween Bingo** 4pm Food, 6pm Games 27373 Alsea Deadwood Hwy ~ Alsea.

October 25 Ada Grange #570 Community **Halloween Party** 1-3 pm 82457 S Canary Rd, Westlake. Carnival games, costume parade, refreshment provided.



October 29 Rockford Grange #501 **Pumpkin Carving and Cider Press** 5:30pm 4262 Barrett Dr ~ Hood River.

October 31 Goldson Grange #868 **Halloween Trunk or Treat** 2-4pm 23479 Hwy 36 ~ Cheshire. Games, Prizes, Treats, Fun

October 31 Pleasant Grove Grange #475 **Chili Cook-off** 2pm cider, cook-off 4-7pm 67218 Hunter Rd ~ Summerville. Cider Press, Silent and Dessert Auction

October 31 Frogpond Grange #111 **Halloween Trunk or Treat** 5-8pm 27350 SW Stafford Rd ~ Wilsonville.

October 31 Creswell Grange #496 **Trick or Treat** 3-7pm 274 W Oregon Ave ~ Creswell. Free treats for kids



November

November 7 & 8 Kinton Grange #562 **Holiday Faire** Saturday 9am-3pm Sunday 10am-3pm 19015 Scholls Ferry Rd. ~ Beaverton. Brookhaven Vintage Marketplace.

November 7 Springwater Grange #263 **Veterans First Saturday Breakfast** 7-11am 24591 S Springwater Rd ~ Estacada. $8, 7-12 $5, 6 and under free. Veterans eat FREE. Tip jar goes for supplies for the Veterans Village

November 11 Goldson Grange #868 **Veterans Day Breakfast** 9-11am 23479 Hwy 36 ~ Cheshire. Veterans eat for free, all other donations.

November 14 & 15 Silverton Grange #748 **Holiday Happiness Bazaar** 10am-3pm 201 Division St NE ~ Silverton.

November 14 Sunnyside Grange #842 **Holiday Bazaar** 9am-3pm 13130 SE Sunnyside Rd, Clackamas. Food available in the kitchen. Info: Sandi Ludi 503.310.2620

November 21 Ada Grange #570 **Bingo Turkey Giveaway** Kitchen opens at noon, Bingo at 1pm 82457 S Canary Rd, Westlake. Burgers, dogs, Soup, Chili, pie

November 21 Redwood Grange #760 **Christmas Fair** 9am-3pm 1830 Redwood Ave ~ Grants Pass.



December

December 5 Springwater Grange #263 **Holiday Breakfast** 7-11am 24591 S Springwater Rd ~ Estacada. $8 each, 7-12 $5, 6 and under free. Take free pictures with Santa 8-10

December 5 & 6 Redland Grange #796 **Holiday Bazaar** 9am-4pm 18131 S. Fischers Mill Rd ~ Oregon City. Info: savagemadewithlove@mail.com

December 6 Ada Grange #570 Community **Christmas Party** 1-3 pm 82457 S Canary Rd, Westlake. Hayride, visit with Santa and crafts, refreshments provided.

December 12 Santiam Valley Grange #828 **Christmas Craft Bazaar** 9am-3pm 1140 5th St ~ Lyons. Crafts, Collectables, Treasures. Lunch available. Handicapped accessible. Info: 503.859.2161 or 503.859.3445

December 13 Oregon State Grange **Open House** 2-4pm 643 Union St. NE ~ Salem. Refreshments will be served.

For more information on these events check the calendar at orgrange.org or the individual Grange's Facebook page. Copies of the flyers usually available in both plaqces.

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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