

Youth Granger Profile

A member at large suggested that we profile a youth in each column as a means to introducing our awesome youth and demonstrating that not only are they leaders today but our future is in good hands. For this first profile, please meet one the youth that will be representing us at National Convention in Boise ID this November.

Hi, my name is Cole Wilson. I am 15-yr-old and live in Pendleton and a sophomore at Pendleton High School. I have been in the Grange all of my life and even attending my first Oregon State Grange Session when only two days old. My parents are Roger and Gail Wilson. Mom is a 5th generation Grange member and Dad has been a member since 1994. My older siblings are my sister Misty and brother Brandon.

Joining the Junior Grange at the age of five, I held a State Junior Office every year and my last year held the office of State Junior Master. So far as a youth, the offices of Youth Chaplain, Youth Steward, and presently Youth AS have taught me a lot about Grange ritual. In my Subordinate Grange, White Eagle Grange, the previous two years I was Overseer and recently was elected AS. On the Pomona level, my chair has been that of AS for Umatilla Pomona for the last 2-yr. Just recently, was invited to fulfill the position of Chaplain for the National Youth Officer Team which garnered the reply "I would be delighted".

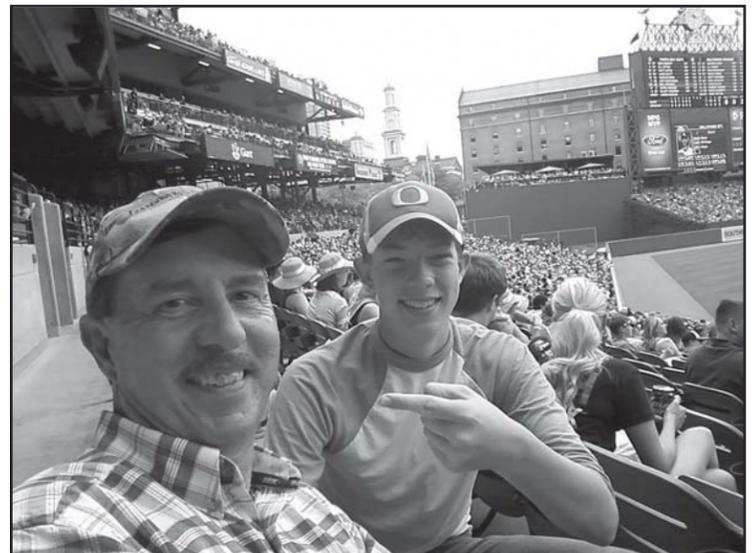
Sports played are football, baseball, and golf. Let's not forget my involvements in the Pendleton FFA Chapter where assistance is given at the FFA Land Lab with weed eating, and mowing. Also enjoy working with the cattle, sheep, and pigs getting them ready for the sales. Other outdoor interests include camping, fishing, hunting, and being in the mountains of Wallowa County where some of the first settlers arrived and were my ancestors. Welding is another interest and I am a teacher's assistant for the freshman welding class.

I have a bay horse named Sky and a black lab dog named Hunter. We also have 2 cats named Smokey and JoJo. Working with my horse and dog is a pleasure and spend as much time as possible working with them.

Helping others has always been important to me. My mom has Muscular Dystrophy and I was little when beginning to assist her. Going out of my way to assist someone in need is second nature, especially the disabled or elderly. This past spring and summer found me working for some elderly people doing

yard maintenance, working with their horses and turning a hand to anything else they needed done. Dad receives my assistance in our 16-space mobile home park doing yard maintenance and whatever he needs help with. Twice a month, you can find me helping out at our Grange breakfast by getting up at 4 am and traveling with my mom so she can help with setup and working the breakfast. She says she is not looking forward to my leaving home because without my assistance she will have to stop helping at the breakfast.

I love the Grange and what it stands for. My plan is to stay active in the Grange as long as possible.



Roger Wilson Left, Cole Wilson Center

Youth Report

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

This is my first fall working for a nursery and it's lovely to look outside my window and watch all the trees turn majestic colors of yellow, gold and red as the weather cools and the plants prepare for winter's slumber. The fall also brings the annual National Grange Convention. It's my pleasure to share that three Oregon youth have been selected for the National Officer Youth Team (NYOT). Breanna Hayes, Abernethy Grange in Clackamas County, was given the nod for National Youth Overseer. Brandon Parker, Colton Foothills Grange in Clackamas County, was given the green light for National Youth Steward. Finally, Cole Wilson, White Eagle Grange was given a go for National Youth Chaplain. I do not hesitate when I say these

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youth will represent Oregon well and in a distinguished manner that will make us proud.

Speaking of National Grange Convention if any youth (or young at heart for that matter) are going to take advantage of National Convention being in the western region and intend to acquire their seventh degree, I highly encourage you to visit Friday and Saturday.

- Friday morning you can watch the National Youth Officers open session.
- The morning workshop is "Changing Your Grange Paradigm".
- The afternoon workshop is "Leadership Next: Defying Gravity, Lessons from a Veteran" which will be a presentation by Gunnery Sergeant Edward Finnegan. His remarks will be around applying the skills he learned in the military and applying those skills to leadership. I'm looking forward to that workshop myself.
- Friday evening enjoy the talent winners in various states, in addition to regional best of show public speakers at the Evening of Excellence (EOE).
- After the EOE, there's a youth get together event that evening for mingling and meeting youth from across the nation.
- Saturday morning, youth have a workshop "Make the Member Connection – Mission Impossible".
- Saturday morning is the Sixth Degree Conferral and early that afternoon is the Seventh Degree Conferral.
- Saturday evening we wrap convention with a Celebration Banquet followed by a dance.

Next I'd like to introduce the members of the State Youth Team to date that have agreed to accept the leadership for our youth program in these upcoming 2 years.

- District 1 is open. If anyone would like to serve please send me an eMail at OSG.Youth@gmail.com
- District 2 is Erika Embree who has supported the youth at the log cabin for the last few years.
- District 3 is Mikela Heimuller, Dairy Princess and has held various State Youth Offices these last couple years.
- District 4 is Krissy Johnston who is fairly new to the Grange but looking for ways to make a difference (her daughter is Lacy Johnston, our Youth Chaplain at session in Seaside).
- District 5 is open. If anyone would like to serve please send me an eMail at OSG.Youth@gmail.com
- District 6 will see Gail Wilson repeating her dedication to the youth.
- At Large: We have two at large members, Stormie Williamson and Sarah Kingsborough, who serves as a honorary member for 2012-2013 as the Oregon Young Adult. We, as a team, want you to consider us a resource and to reach out to us for support with your youth programs.

That is it for this edition. Until the next bulletin, keep encouraging the youth.

Cat



The Chaplain's Report

Ah, Thanksgiving. Crisp air, beautifully colored leaves, bountiful harvest, friends and family - these are the things I think of when I think about Thanksgiving, one of my favorite holidays. There is no stress from shopping for gifts that may very well be the wrong size, wrong color, a duplicate of a gift I've already given - you know the drill. Webster's dictionary defines thanks giving as: 1) the act of giving thanks; 2) a prayer expressing gratitude and/or 2) a public acknowledgement of divine goodness.

In modern America, it's also football games, turkey, over-eating, friends and a lot of dishes. It started out pretty simple. In 1621, Pilgrim colonists and Wampanoag Indians shared a harvest feast. In 1863, during the civil war, President Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday in November Thanksgiving. It makes you wonder the faith he had that inspired this President to find thanksgiving in the midst of the United States' most devastating war. It was not a national holiday, so each state or territory did their own thing - some celebrated, some did not. It wasn't until 1941 after 40 years of lobbying that Congress declared Thanksgiving as a National Holiday. Thanksgiving has been around for thousands of years. The psalmist David (during a time of great tribulation) wrote in Psalms 69, vs. 33 "I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify him with thanksgiving."

In our busy lives we take only one official day to express our thanksgiving; maybe for your friends, your family, your health, your job, etc. Be sure you actually do just that - give thanksgiving. We have so much to be thankful for in this country - freedom to choose how to live, where to live, how to worship, what we say. Thankful that we are living in the richest country in the world (even those below the poverty line have a much better life than the poor in most of the rest of the world). Thankful for modern medical care and free public education. So

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many more things to give thanks for. So this year, start a new tradition - give thanks for all that you have but do it daily - everyday start your day with thanks. A recent study concluded that those people that count their blessing each day when they first awake are much happier and healthier than those that start the day grumbling. Even when things aren't going well you can still find that you have much to be thankful for.

I came across this Thanksgiving Day prayer I thought you might enjoy:

*For beauty in nature, Your glory we see
For joy and health, friends and family,
For daily provision, Your mercy and care
These are the blessings You graciously share.
So today we offer this response of praise
With a promise to follow You all of our days.*
—Mary Fairchild

Fraternally and with Thanksgiving for the Grange and all my Grange friends,
Peggy Fine,
Oregon State Grange Chaplain



Ag Report

Brothers and Sisters,

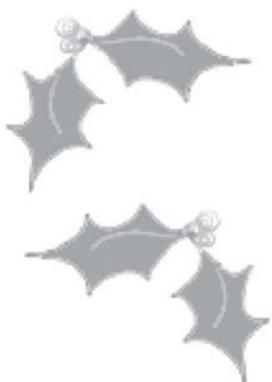
The fall rains have finally arrived and we can look forward to the "wet" season in Douglas County. We playfully refer to our seasons as either "dry" or "wet". With no moisture since July, this latest precipitation has been very welcome. The pastures have started to grow and turn green and it is time to apply the fall fertilizer. This year's application is later than normal but necessary to ensure forage growth to feed the sheep through the winter into spring. At the Fine ranch, we are in the second year of a trial to evaluate applying selenium as a component of the fertilizer to reduce the incidence of white

muscle disease. We take forage samples throughout the year which are analyzed for the content of selenium and how long it stays in the forage. Along with the impact on the health of the animals, selenium is very necessary for the human diet. If selenium enriched meat can be provided for humans naturally, the need for supplements can be reduced. The results for the first year have been encouraging and the final report will be completed at the end of this year.

As the seasons change, it gives us an opportunity to reflect of how we are dependent on the weather cycles and the impact they have on our lives as Agricultural producers. This influence spills over into the being of all Americans. Take a few moments to evaluate the ripple effect through our entire economy the drought in the Midwest has produced. The lack of rainfall reduced the production of corn, soybean and other grains which has increased the cost of producing all meat products, which has reduced the price paid to the livestock producers for feeders. This has also increase the cost to the consumer of many products used daily from cereal to soaps. I hope this very limited illustration will demonstrate how interrelated all industries in the American economy are. It also should provide an answer to the frequently asked question "Why should the Grange have an Agriculture Committee when so few members are farmers?" If we don't take an active role to determine the issues of the Agriculture community, we cannot understand or be able to deal with all the issues that face producers and consumers.

As we approach the two important holidays, always remember to be thankful for each and every blessing and be eternally grateful that we have been given a savior.

John Fine
Director Agriculture Committee



Community Service Report

Take a look around. Is there something your Grange could be doing for your community? Can you read to a group of school children? Are there elderly that would love to have someone take them to the store or to a doctor's visit? Does the local food bank need help? Does a need for a local food bank exist, where one doesn't?

There are many many way to get involved in your community:

- School districts
 - Start a year round school supply drive, Children need pencils and paper just as much in February as September.
- Contact Food pantries
 - Find out what they need this month, they may have lots of canned goods, but are running short of flour and sugar
- Girl Scouts
- Boy Scouts
- Camp Fire
- Boys and Girls Cubs
 - All of the above need places to meet and hold events.
- Womens Shelters
 - Most shelters have lots of soap but almost no feminine hygiene supplies.
- Foster children's organizations
 - Clothing and shoes are obvious, but sometimes all they need is someone to spend time with.
- Hospital and Hospice Groups
 - Cards, Tray liners, a hand to hold for those who don't have one.
- Homeless shelters
- Christmas Toys for children in need
- Sponsor a child overseas, or right here at home.
- Sponsor a family with a Thanksgiving basket or three.
- Sponsor a helper dog for a Veteran or for the blind or deaf.
- Contact faith based groups
- Contact local pet shelters
- Habitat for Humanity
- American Red Cross

Many times contacting these organizations to see what they need instead of what you want to give will open you up to ideas. Everybody wants to play with the puppies, nobody wants to clean the kennels.

A quick reminder that many Granges have still not turned in a community service report for the first half of 2012, and we are coming up on the end of the year.

Patricia (Pat) Heard
Community Service Involvement Director

Energy Report

Looking for a few green farmers— I am writing to let you know of a pilot program offered by Northwest SEED (Sustainable Energy for Economic Development.) They have grants to identify and assist farmers who are interested in small hydro, wind or solar development on their working farms that would impact operating expenses. They would also be interested in helping arrange financing for energy efficiency projects, as long as they affected farm operations. The target audience is Lane, Linn, Benton, Polk, Marion, Lincoln, Clackamas, Yamhill, Washington and Multnomah Counties. They are not looking for large projects, like siting a giant windmill or a manure digester. They are working with the Department of Energy for site assessment and with Energy Trust of Oregon for financing options. The ideal candidate would be a PGE or PacifiCorp customer with onsite processing facilities, where solar panels or small windmill could significantly affect their electric bill. While the Grange is not a party to EnergizeOregon (the name of the pilot program,) Grange policy favors an all-of-the-above approach to energy. I have attended an informational meeting with the folks involved and they seem like earnest grant writers. They are also working with Soil and Water Conservation Districts and OSU Extension agents in the Willamette valley to spread the word.

Interested farmers should register for one of the outreach meetings in Eugene on November 5, McMinnville and Lake Oswego on November 6. They are hoping to attract interest from 30-50 agricultural producers, winnowing down to 10-15 viable projects. More information, including a qualification form can be found at www.nwseed.org and following links under Rural Renewables. Interested parties can also email Jessica@nwseed.org or call 1-866-759-SEED.

Even though the outreach seminars may have passed before you read this, it would still be worthwhile to make contact if you have a likely site/project in mind. If the pilot project is fully subscribed, ask to be put on mailing lists for further information and progress reports. Fraternaly,
Carol Everman, Energy Director

Junior Directors' report

We had our first Junior Committee meeting on October 13, 2012. Even though there were only three of us present we accomplished a lot.

We will be trying very hard to have a Junior Grange in every District in the State and would like to encourage every Subordinate and Pomona to have a Junior Grange.

Also we would like to encourage the Subordinate and Pomona Granges to include the Juniors in their meetings. When you are short of officers you can have them fill in the position. They are very capable young Grangers.

For next year's theme we decided to adopt the National Junior Grange Program of Work. Next year's theme is "Junior Grangers in Action". The OSG Activity Guide for the Juniors will be different from last year, so make sure you get the new one.

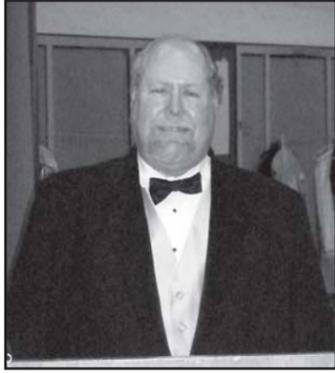
There are a lot of changes at the National Level. For example:

Grange Adventure Puzzle Pieces: Instead of badges when you finish one of the tasks, you will receive a puzzle piece. Each of the categories of pieces forms a picture, when you completed the picture, the Junior leader will apply for a button. The Grange Adventure, Team Up America and Discovery Network puzzles will be the same every year; however, each year there will be a special puzzle that fits with the year's theme. If you complete the yearly puzzle, you will receive a special pin!

I will be bringing home from the National Convention the JG Book 2013. I will try to have enough so I can give each Subordinate or Pomona Grange a copy.

We have tentatively schedule a Junior Camp for next year. It will be at **Little River Christian Camp** in Glide on August 25-29, 2013. So save the date.

Fraternally yours,
Liz Dehne
Junior Director



Kendell W. "Ken" Phillips
Lecturer, Oregon State Grange

Lecturers Report

Brothers and Sisters,

Recently, I was at the Grange hall preparing 250 Lbs of apples for processing into applesauce, juice and a host of other products we use during the winter, both at the Grange and for our own personal use. For many years now, I have been renting our Grange kitchen to do all my canning, because the Illinois Valley Grange has a state-approved commercial kitchen and I just love working there...it is so peaceful and quiet. Not only do I get all of my canning done, but I can use that time to think and ponder about "Grange stuff" and my Grange "family."

As I sat there cutting apples in half and coring them, I wondered just how many other Grange members were doing that very same thing at their own Grange halls and if there were any non-Grangers present during all this preparation. I get a lot of calls to teach the general public how to can and preserve, and it is a great opportunity to reach out to the public, and gain a few new members in the process! I have even made my presentation into a Lecturer's program at both Fruitdale and Illinois Valley Grange in years past.

Programs involving a "hands on approach" can be a great way to inform your members and to get them involved in the process; they in turn, will want to take what they have learned and spread the word to others outside the

Grange hall. As Lecturers, we have one of the greatest opportunities to reach out far beyond the Grange borders while at the same time keep our members informed. With Thanksgiving and Christmas just around the corner, many of us are probably preparing for community dinners and/or Grange Christmas parties. Use these occasions to invite members of the public to these events, or even the whole community. You can even turn the events into Open Houses and really get the Grange message out in proper form! My Grange has had a members-only Christmas party for many years, with a few past members asked to join us in our festivities. It is a time when we all gather around a large table, (usually made up of from 8 to 10 smaller tables put together,) and eat and give thanks for the past year and for the coming year. We also have what we lovingly call a "Chinese gift exchange" where each one present brings with them a small gift valued at or no more than \$10.00. These gifts are laid carefully around a center Christmas tree and when the dinner portion is finished, we then draw tickets to see who gets to go first. Tammie and I usually bring 4 or 5 extra gifts for those who didn't know they wanted to participate!! As the tickets are drawn, the winner will get a gift from under the tree. He/She then does NOT open the gift until at least the next ticket is drawn. The ticket holders can then either get a new gift from under the tree or grab a gift from another person who has not opened his/her gift. When a gift has been "Grabbed" or chosen three times, then it is safe to open that one gift. This process goes until the last gift is chosen and they are then opened in unison. The joy and laughter of this process is wonderful to witness and members have been talking about our "famous" Christmas parties for years now. Something like this is fun to do, doesn't cost a lot, and gets everyone present involved. The wonderful thing is that we have actually had many new members join because of this one event and they get so

excited, they join just to get involved! Is that wonderful or what??

When I have been Lecturer of a Grange, I will try to have some good jokes and reading or two, a play perhaps or an activity where all present can become involved. Lecturer's programs should never be quick and dull. This is one opportunity where you as Lecturer, can lead your Grange into interesting venues. Your members will remember it for many years afterward.

Use some of your own personal experiences as the basis for a Lecturer's program. When I was 5 and 6 years old, my father and I travelled to England and stayed there with my grandmother. My mother had just passed away, and my father decided that I "needed to see the world" so to speak. We ended up being there for over 13 months and we were able to see England, Ireland, Scotland, France, Spain, Italy, and West Germany and many other countries. I frequently use those experiences for lecturer's programs and the members seem genuinely interest to hear the world explained by a then 6 year old child. We had a wild time while there and I remember those trips as though they were yesterday. Your members will be interested, too, if you remember to involve them in your experience-telling adventure. Also, ask individual members if they would like to tell the Grange members about experiences they had growing up

Look everywhere for inspirations for your Lecturer's programs. Happy Holidays, Brothers and Sisters! In the meantime, I'll probably still be here cutting and coring these darn apples...

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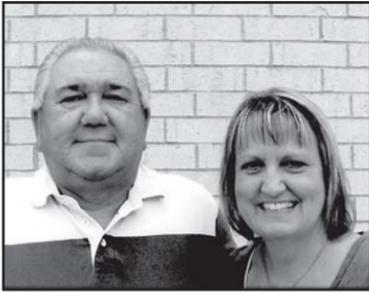
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Bob and Sandi Ludi
OSG Membership Directors

Membership Report

The State Membership Committee met on Sun., Oct. 7th. We discussed ordering some new items to sell that would advertise the Grange. Look for these at upcoming statewide Leadership Conferences and at State Grange as well.

We hope that you will take the opportunity to attend one of these conferences in your area. Look for upcoming dates as they will possibly be mailed to each Grange as well as advertised in the Grange bulletin. They will definitely be beneficial to each Granger and in turn this will help to aid and grow your Grange membership. The State Membership Team member for your district will make every effort to attend all conferences. Please feel free to contact them if you have any concerns or would like to tell them about any positive things that are happening with your Grange membership. We want to hear both.

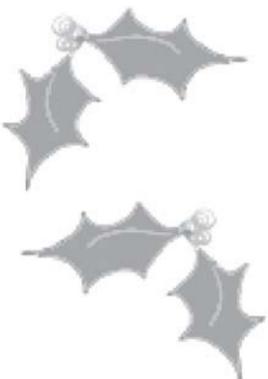
The holidays are coming up. This is a great opportunity to invite non-members to our halls for special meals and/or programs at our Grange meetings.

We are looking forward to attending National Grange and gathering new ideas, programs, information, etc, that will help to revitalize and renew our Granges. We will share what we learned in the next Grange bulletin.

Remember our new slogan—
"We are the REAL Grange."
Keep on Granging!!

Happy Holidays to all of you.
Fraternally,

Bob and Sandi Ludi
State Membership Directors



Phyllis A Wilson
OSG Secretary

Secretary's Report

Each Grange Master should have received a set of "Suggested Subordinate By-Laws" in September. Be sure to get a copy for yourself!! These by-laws can be adapted for your Grange to include such items as the date of your meeting, amount of dues, officer elections and whether or not your Grange will allow alcohol in non-Grange rentals. All members of your Grange need to have at least a 30-day notice as to when by-laws will be voted on during a regular meeting with a quorum of seven (7) and a 2/3 approval vote of the members present is necessary to for any revised set of by-laws or amendments.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:
Subordinate/Community & Pomona Grange Roster Forms are due December 1. The form requires information for only the Master, Overseer, Lecturer, Chaplain and Secretary plus committees that "must" be appointed and committees that are "encouraged" to be appointed. A resolution approved by delegates to the 2011 State Session did not include the energy committee. However, the form does ask for information for an energy chairperson. You may ignore this section or complete it if your Grange has opted to have an energy committee.

Notices of Dues are to be sent to members 30 days prior to January 1 showing the amount of annual dues for the upcoming year. The office has dues reminder cards or dues reminder envelopes available. I have found it very helpful to include self-addressed return envelopes with my dues notices. It's a good way to use up all those free mailing labels we receive in the mail.

Year-End Audits are to be completed by a Finance Committee on the secretary's and treasurer's books and on all committees having financial records.

National Bonding Insurance premiums are due in January. There should be information coming from the state office in the near future related to coverage and premiums.

Do you know the difference between a Grange Workers' Activities Committee and a Grange Workers' Activities Club? Does your Grange have a committee or a club? If you are not sure of the answer to these questions check our by-law 4.2.5 on page 8 of the by-laws.

This issue will be our last issue of 2012 and will arrive as we are preparing for the holidays. May you have a bounty of delicious food at your Thanksgiving meal and may your Christmas holiday be filled with kindness for those less fortunate and love for everyone AND a reminder of our dear Savior's birth.

See You in 2013 at some Grange hall down the road!!

Phyllis A Wilson
OSG Secretary

OREGON STATE GRANGE Executive Committee Minutes Sunday, July 15, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. by Master Susan Noah. The opening prayer was led by Secretary Phyllis Wilson. Other Executive Committee members present were Overseer Celia Luttrell, Executive #1 Malcolm Trupp, Executive #2 Don Sether and Executive #3 Roger Wilson. Also attending were Gail Wilson and Scottie Dickson.

MINUTES: The minutes of the May 18, 2012 meeting and the journal for the last day of State Session (June 15, 2012) had been emailed earlier to each board member. The May 18th minutes were approved with corrections and the June 15th journal approved as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS:
Notes from July 14, 2012 Directors' Meeting: The meeting covered such topics as expectations between directors and the State Master, a new communications team, upcoming events and finances.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

Office Bookkeeper: Celia will assume these responsibilities at \$150 per month concentrating on month-end work. She will be coming into the office, but there will be the possibility of remote access work. She will not be a signer on any account. It was stressed that, in the event of remote work, originals of any paperwork cannot be taken from the office but that copies of such will be allowed. Don moved, Roger seconded to accept Celia as our financial bookkeeper at \$1,800 per year. Motion carried. She will begin work on this year's books immediately and hopes to have the books brought up-to-date as soon as possible.

2011 Audit: The books have been closed for 2011 and will be turned over to the auditor this week.

Membership/Grange Report for Period Ending March 31, 2012: The data was compiled by staff member Jan Oleson and reflected individual Grange membership totals, dormant Grange properties, Granges with 13 members or less and Granges with 17 members or less, delinquent quarterly reports and loans to Granges.

Investment Progress Report: Scottie Dickson updated us on our Reaper and Gleaner investments with LPL, Wells Fargo and T. Rowe Price and presented a written report to all members. Following discussion on the Dormant Grange Fund, Malcolm moved, Don seconded to move the value of the Dormant Grange Fund from the checking account to the Gleaner Shareholder Account. Motion carried.

Scottie, Mark Noah, Phyllis and Larry Rea are the current signers on the T Rowe Price accounts. The names of Larry and Mark will be removed and Susan's and Don's added. We are considered a "preferred services client" with T Rowe Price because of what we have invested with them.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/ MASTER'S REPORT:

State Session Review:

- ❖ Everything seemed to work well this year.
- ❖ Over 12,000 copies were made on the rented copier.
- ❖ Lunches worked out great and having the evening meal "on our own" allowed us time in Seaside.
- ❖ Resolutions for National Grange have been sent.

- ❖ Our attorney is working on the hall rental agreement, which will include use of alcohol in halls for non-Grange rentals.
- ❖ Revisions to by-laws: Don moved to have a committee submit proposed by-laws to next Executive Committee meeting. Malcolm seconded. Celia moved to amend by adding "to be approved by Executive Committee. Phyllis seconded. Motion carried. The amended motion states: that a committee should be appointed to prepare a set of subordinate by-laws and to report back to the Executive Committee for approval. The amended motion carried.

Directors: They include Kitty Thomas, Youth; Sandy & Bob Ludi, Membership; Dean High, Legislative; Mark Schnetzky, Veterans; Kendell Phillips, Lecturer; Patricia Heard, Community Service; Carol Everman, Energy; Lyle Utt, Education; Linda Helm, Deaf Awareness/Family Health; Ag, John Fine; Junior, Liz Dehne and Mary Parrott, GWA.

Communications Team: This newly-formed team includes Chairman Sarah Kingsborough, Marilyn Reiher, Mark Noah and Steve Kroeker. The team will work with Facebook, emails, direct mailings, news stories, Bulletin articles, maybe an E-Bulletin.

Western Regionals: Only 45 have registered for this August event.

National Grange: Need items for 500 bags. Susan will send letters to the Pendleton Roundup and Wildhorse Casino requesting items. Gail Wilson will get promo items. Foundation might have to be used because of its 501 (c) 3. State masters have been asked to do letters requesting items. Don moved, Malcolm seconded to donate \$1,000 from our National Grange Convention Fund to the 2012 host committee. Motion carried.

990-E Filing: Four (4) Granges have lost their tax exempt status. We might have to consider loaning them money for payment of the penalties.

Marion County Fair Contract for Use of the Log Cabin: There have been several emails between our attorney and Marion County regarding the contract.

Log Cabin: The Log Cabin needs to be used as a marketing tool. Kitty Thomas has developed a good dialogue with the state fair group and is being allowed to have one demonstration of grafting Japanese maples on a stage in the main pavilion. The duck pond will be eliminated. Roger felt it was a waste of his time sitting in the Log Cabin last year so he went to the stock barns to distribute Grange information.

State Officers' Protocol: The Master intends to provide information on protocol when visiting as a state officer. Our members need to better understand why there is a state and a national Grange.

County Deputies: When all are appointed, there will be a fall conference. It was suggested that state officers should be invited to this conference.

Youth Activity Fund: Expenditures from this fund were discussed. Don moved, Roger seconded that we will have housing available at State Session but if a parent or child chooses to opt out of this housing, there will be no compensation for housing but meals will still be available. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Miscellaneous Office: Per the by-laws, the Master's salary is \$2,323 gross per month. The office will be open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays with both Susan and Jan on duty. Steve Kroeker will be working two (2) or three (3) days per week. Susan's policy is to not have only one (1) staff member on duty; mainly for safety reasons. State Deputies' salaries for Phyllis and Derrell Witty are based on 88 hours per month. There are no benefits for any employee.

Phone System: Malcolm moved to spend up to \$500 to have a phone installed in the accounting office. Don seconded. Motion carried.

Signature Changes for Banking/Credit Cards: Susan, Don, Phyllis and Sarah Kingsborough will be the authorized signers on the checking account at Bank of the Cascades. Phyllis moved, Malcolm seconded to have her name removed from the American Express and VISA accounts and to have Mark Noah's named removed from the VISA account. Motion carried.

Formal Complaint Filed: A formal complaint has been filed by a member against another member. The Master will be forming an arbitration panel.

Possible Computer Upgrades: Marilyn Reiher and the Master are

researching installing a remote system so that work can be done at home by Susan and Celia. The Master has hired a new person to do our IT work. Upgrades to any of our six (6) computers will cost about \$400 each and our systems must be current to allow remote work.

Local Radio Advertising: Phyllis moved, Roger seconded that OSG discontinue any paid advertising on KGAL and any of its affiliates. Motion carried.

Coburg Community Grange Request: Malcolm moved, Don seconded to loan \$1,500 for roof repairs and that this amount be added to Coburg's existing loan at that loan's interest rate. Motion carried.

Maxville Heritage Interpretive Center Fundraiser: The fundraiser will be October 25th at the World Forestry Center in Portland and will feature Maxville folks from Wallowa County. Celia suggested that perhaps Clackamas and Washington/Yamhill Pomonas would be interested in helping.

GRANGE REPORTS:

Mohawk-McKenzie/Willakenzie Property- OSG attorney is having a title search done on the Mohawk-McKenzie property. Letters will be sent to the former Willakenzie members explaining the use of the Willakenzie Hall by the Mohawk-McKenzie Grange. Options to include reorganization of Willakenzie with Mohawk-McKenzie consolidating, Willakenzie members joining Mohawk-McKenzie and continue meeting in the Willakenzie Hall or reorganizing Willakenzie and both Granges meeting separately in the Willakenzie Hall.

Rockford Grange - Negotiations continue between this Grange and the West Side Fire District.

Willows Property - State Deputy Derrell Witty provided a written report, dated 7/14/12, on the possibility of reorganization. He will persevere on this attempt. The property was annexed May 12th into the City of Lone, since it was found to straddle the city limits property line.

Elk City Property - Someone had made an offer on the property last year, but the matter was overlooked. The person is still interested in the property.

Upper Applegate - This Grange was reorganized June 3rd with 27 members. More have been added. The charter will close July 31.

Editor's Notes:

Hello I am Chris Rea your Editor for the Oregon Grange Bulletin!

I thought I would share some thoughts and advice and remind everyone that the Bulletin is made by the members for the members so it relies solely on our membership sending in stories!

I try to publish everything that I receive but we do rarely lose things. Things I won't publish are stories confessing you are violating the by-laws (you would be surprised how often this happens) or time sensitive stories where the event has passed already. I do my best to publish time sensitive stories first and if I need to bump non time sensitive stories to the next issue. If we miss publishing a story you send in please don't take it personally just send me a reminder and I will do my best to track down your story!

We publish irregularly six issues a year, sometimes it is just not possible to get an announcement in the paper for an upcoming event but **we have a calendar online** and you can find a link there to submit an event for the online calendar! There are just too many events to publish the calendar in the paper but it is worth having a look at it online!

Please sign your work with your name, the Grange you belong to, and your position in the Grange!

Grange is always spelled with a capital G ...ALWAYS!

Send Stories and pictures to gbulletin@orgrange.org

If you have problems with e-mailing documents and pictures you can send them via the web at:

<https://www.yousendit.com/send> simply type our email in the "from" field and type gbulletin@orgrange.org in the "to" field and hit the "select file" button you can select multiple files on your computer by holding the "ctrl" key while selecting the pictures and documents you want to send.

When you take photos you should always use the highest quality or maximum resolution settings your camera supports, you can make copies to email or share on the web but the original high quality images are required for printing in the paper!

Take lots of pictures, they are free! Choose the best ones to keep and share when you get home!

Also when you send photo's please remember to send "cutlines" for the photos (names of the people in the photo's, etc.)

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**SEE YOU NEXT
YEAR!**

Message from GIA President and Chief Executive Officer Ryan M. Dudley, CPCU, CPCLA

Hello again. I'm pleased to be able to address all the Grange Members and want to personally thank those of you who are also policyholders with Grange Insurance. We appreciate you and thank you for your business.

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and the opportunity to spend time with friends and family enjoying your backyards and favorite outdoor places. I know that some of you experienced some days of thick smoke and may have possibly had to leave your property for a while due to the wildfires that ravaged parts of the state this summer. My thoughts and prayers go out to any of you who suffered a loss caused by these wildfires. Here at Grange Insurance we saw this same pattern repeated in most of the western states and it is truly concerning. Hopefully the wildfire season is coming to a close but we are about to come to another fire season and this one is of an indoor type. Every fall we see a spike in home fires caused by alternative heating devices. So I thought I would share some insurance industry information concerning the fire risk associated with heating appliances and residential fires from the United States Fire Administration (USFA). The time period for this data is 2008 thru 2010.

- An estimated 50,100 heating fires occurred each year and resulted in an annual average of approximately 150 deaths, 575 injuries and \$326 million in property losses.
- Fires caused by heating appliances were the second leading cause of all residential building fires.
- Thirty percent of these fires occurred because the heat source was too close to combustibles.
- Residential heating fires peaked in the early evening hours between 5 and 9 p.m. with the highest peak between 6 and 8 p.m.

As you can see from the information many of these fires include fatalities which make them doubly tragic. If you elect to use an alternative heating device, please be careful and remember to:

- Only use devices that have been tested and approved by the Underwriting Laboratories,
- Place them on a solid, flat surface, away from high traffic areas and doorways,
- Turn them off when you go to bed or leave the room,
- Use and purchase heaters with an automatic shut off so if they're tipped over they will shut off,
- Always plug power cords directly into outlets and never into an extension cord and
- Inspect for cracked or damaged, broken plugs or loose connections; replace before using.

Fires are by far the biggest risk exposure to your property and your safety. And interestingly many fires could be prevented with some forethought and care. Along with the use of alternative heating device decorating our homes for the Holidays increases the opportunity for property damage or bodily injury. On their website the USFA posts this information regarding fires during the Winter Holiday Season.

- The incidence and severity of fires during the winter holiday season (December through early January) increase. The greater use of decorations, candles, and Christmas trees in residential structures during this period contributes to this increase.
- Fires caused by children playing increase during the holiday season.
- When Christmas trees are the material first ignited in residential structures, dollar loss per fire is three times higher and fatalities per fire are eight times higher than fires ignited by other materials.
- The incidence of Christmas tree fires increases as the holiday season progresses because trees (and other plant-like decorations) dry out and become more combustible.
- Candle fires increase fourfold during the holiday season, killing more than 10 people, injuring 175, and causing more than \$20 million in property losses.

Source: NFPA and NFIRS

Here are some tips to prevent you from being victimized by fire:

- Inspect your light strings and extension cords before use. Don't take a chance; replace any worn or frayed cords.
- Always use certified UL decorations and extension cords.
- Remember that water and electricity are a bad mix. Use "outdoor type" extension cords and take every precaution to prevent them from coming in contact with water.

I hope all of you enjoy a "bountiful harvest" this year and have a great Holiday Season. And lastly I want to again thank all the loyal Grange Insurance Policyholders for selecting us as your insurance company. We have been insuring farming families in smaller western communities since 1894. Today our commitment includes many of the larger communities in our six Western States. We are committed to becoming the best regional Property and Casualty insurance company in the West.

Pomona News

Wallowa Pomona Grange Day



Serving up those homemade pies to the public is Heather Tyreman, Master of Hurricane Creek Grange, during Grange Day at the Wallowa County Fair this past August. Over 30 pies were served by local Grange ladies under the direction of Pomona GWA Chairperson Elvaree Fine. Ben Boswell presented a program of western music and Grange awards were presented by Community Service Chairperson Grace Gray. OSG Master Susan Noah (not pictured) gave a brief talk about the Grange and its importance to families and communities.



Sandy Mallory (left), North End Grange Secretary, and Elvaree Fine (center), Wallowa GWA Chairperson, are ready to help dish up ice cream during Grange Day at the Wallowa County Fair. The ice cream was compliments of the Oregon State Grange G.R.O.W. Club. Head cashier was Joan Lathrop (far right), South Fork Grange. Those "cowboys in the background are former OSG Master Mark Noah (left) and OSG Executive Committee #3 Roger Wilson (right).

Letter to the Editor:

It seems as though the Wood Village casino has suspended their advertising and are waiting for voters to decide for now. Although I don't think they have given up. I think this is part of their over-all plan. They are a big company with millions of dollars. They have the endorsement of the AFL-CIO union behind them, this supports 135,000 workers. They walked their talk to the city leaders and small business owners of Wood Village and their idea was approved. Who wouldn't approve economical development? Do these people not know the REAL Grange? Many of the voters in Oregon do not know that we (the Grange) have been fighting behind the scenes to save our name. All they see are the ads on TV with the small print that you can't read. What is a name? It is the perspective of the people; it is what they think we are; the first impression. Over half of Oregon thinks we are connected with the casino and measure 82 and 83. The rumor is that we got paid big bucks for them to use our name. I think we have a bigger issue than infringement of our trademark name and winning or losing measure 82 and 83. We have lost our most precious commodity, our reputation for who we really are, and have been for many years.

I am very disappointed that we have not made more of a public statement. This is not just about our trademark name, it is about WHO we are. I thought someone would be pushing the TV stations and the radio stations on a daily basis to state who we are and save our reputation. The casino seems to have lots of talk and exposure at TV's prime time. I know we had several press releases, I attended one and I thought it was very good. But I expected to see and hear more based on the press release. Why NO front page news release? We should have been right next to our Governor when he put his ad on the TV opposing the casino. His ad makes it sound like he is on the side with the Indians and no mention of the REAL Grange. Does he know who we are? And who is this Justin Martin, campaign chair for "It's still a bad idea"? Does he know who we are? If we wait to say who we are after the elections are over, it is too late,

Our Grangers have each stood up to say we are the REAL Grange with signs and letters to the editor. A few local papers have printer these letters and

others have not. What percent of the people have we touched? Our Grange Bulletin only touches Grangers, a small percent of the Oregon voters. In working with the State session this past year, the town of Seaside did not know what the Grange was, they had heard the name and knew there was a building down the road but that is all. However, after our session, a good many in this town knew who we were and as non-members were happy to be involved in what we were doing. Yes, we walked and talked our name. Maybe we need to purchase business cards and start dropping them along our paths. This seemed to work at State session and the cards were donated by the printing company (non-Granger) that was happy to partner with us.

My Grange is active in the community, as many other Granges are, but we are the first to admit, we do not blow our horn like we should. Why? I am not sure. We have a hard time getting our local papers to print the articles we submit. So there has to be other ways to pass the word. We have name tags for all our members with "Warren Grange #536 and the person's name on it. We encourage them to wear the name tag when they serve in the community. We bought a brick at the splash park by the river with Warren Grange on it. We joined the chamber and several of our members have business cards that we pass out to people when we are talking about the Grange.

I don't think our job is done. We need to run fast and faster, from the top down, with stronger direction. We waited after the press release for more information on how to respond to the casino issue but it took three weeks before we heard anything, therefore allowing our reputation to be tarnished.

I am not mad at anyone, I am disappointed that we, as a Grange, are not stronger together. We need to stand up and do something, and if it's wrong, correct it. At the least we should be out talking and walking our talk at a faster pace, to keep ahead of the game, not behind it.

Eva Frost
Warren Grange #536

Grange Exchange

Who are those "Green Grangers?"

By Virginia Bruce, Master, Leedy Grange

As I looked around at the people gathered in the basement dining hall of Rockford Grange #501 in Hood River Oregon for the "Green Granger Coalition" weekend workshop last month, I thought about what we have in common.

Most of us didn't grow up in the Grange. We chose to join the organization because we believe in the value of agriculture, community, and group effort to achieve goals.

We have read about the founding principles of the Grange, exemplified in the ritual work, and we embrace them as our own.

We soon realized that although there are very few farms left near our hall, agriculture also means food, and everyone eats! Bringing delicious locally-grown food to our community became one of my goals.

Through my interest in local agriculture, I was invited to join a panel of Grange members at a meeting of Friends of Family Farmers. They were interested in how the Grange could help young farmers.

I was joined on that panel by Randi Embree of Silverton Grange, who had been working with Linda Short, Gus Frederick, and others around the state to create a network of Grange members who shared our interest in sustainable, local food. The first "Green Granger Summit" was held in Silverton last spring. About 25 people from around



We love the traditions and we value the wisdom and skills of our elder members, many of whom did grow up in the very Grange we joined.

We love the opportunities for "good clean fun" that Granges can bring to our communities, and we long to see our halls filled with family-friendly events, good food, and helpful information.

We have energy and a lot of ideas. We want to work within the established Grange structure at all levels to see how some of our ideas may fit with the goals of the majority.

When my friend Bruce Bartlett and I joined Leedy Grange, in Cedar Mill, west of Portland, we didn't know that it was on a list of Granges that might be closed for lack of membership and activity. We held our first Shortcake Social in June 2008, and to my great surprise, that October I was elected Master!

We added a few more new members, and more people in the community began to discover the hall that had been "hidden in plain sight."

the state showed up to share our hopes and dreams of working within the Grange to promote a healthier future for farming. We took the opportunity to exemplify the first four degrees for those who hadn't had the chance to attend a formal initiation.

Gus Frederick decided to set up a web "blog" for sharing information, and he secured the domain name, "GreenGranges.org." This triggered concern from the State organization that it would be a copyright infringement of the name Grange. (We all understand how important it is to defend the name!)

He was told by a state officer that he could continue to use the Grange name if several subordinate Granges sponsored the website. That was the innocent action that caused concern about whether we were asking Granges to decide if they were "green" or not.

Several of us attended the State Session this summer, and the

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conversation about what it meant to be a "Green Granger" continued, with our State and National officers, and among ourselves. We decided that, "by our acts shall ye know us,"—if we save and re-energize our Granges, bring in new members, carry out successful events and programs, and bring good things to our communities, this will demonstrate our purpose better than any written document or

and it's time to start treating the land as our permanent home—that's really all it means to act sustainably. We want to make our communities more resilient—better able to provide what we need to survive and thrive without so much imported food and the unintended consequences that brings (gypsy moth, spotted-wing fruit fly, etc). We want communities that are able to provide a living to young people who want to farm. Strengthening local agriculture

Founded in 1976, Habitat For Humanity is a non-profit group that helps build affordable homes for low-income families around the world.



name. We continued this discussion at our recent gathering in Hood River. We shared ideas on how to work within the Grange structure and with the existing membership and how to attract new members. We heard about successful programs and approaches at many Oregon Granges that were already accomplishing these goals. We all feel strongly that the end of the frontier has been reached,

will provide jobs and economic growth to both rural and urban communities in Oregon. We think that the Grange is a great way to do all those things. And we think it's going to be a whole lot of fun for everyone! Anyone interested in finding out more is invited to visit <http://greengranger.org>, or contact me at yrb@teamweb.com. (I'm hard of hearing, but if you need to call, you can try 503-803-1813.)



Clarkes Grangers and other volunteers set up concrete forms to prep for foundation installation



Grangers pose during a break at the Molalla work site. L-R: Jim Dumolt, Ken Naylor, Jack Gardner, Gary Bush, Chris Loughridge.

Clarkes Grangers aid Habitat in Molalla

Members of Clarkes Grange #261, in Clackamas County, recently donated dozens of hours to help build single-family houses for a pair of Molalla families. The Grangers, who joined other volunteers from the Mount Angel chapter of Habitat for Humanity, included Gary Bush, Jim Dumolt, Jack Gardner, Ken Naylor and the Loughridges: Brianna, Chris, Craig and Heather.

The Grangers pitched in during the late-summer work sessions with a wide range of tasks, from basic hauling and clean-up to the more advanced roofing and foundation work. The houses were ranch style and single-story situated along a dead-end street in the southeast corner of Molalla.



Gary Bush installs roof shingles

Illinois Valley Grange # 370

The Illinois Valley Grange # 370 will be voting on December 08, 2012 to adopt a new set of By-Laws, which will include a new By-Law to allow alcohol use by renters in the hall. This action was taken at the Oct 13th 2012 meeting.

Kendell Phillips, Secretary
Illinois Valley Grange # 370

raffles and door prizes, the community businesses were great about contributing items for both, which benefits them as well as our Grange.

The Pancake Breakfast in October had a wonderful turnout. Our cooks do a great job and everyone enjoys the food, camaraderie and of course our reasonable price helps too.

We have again donated dictionaries to our local elementary school, MariLinn, here in Lyons. They are very much appreciated and according to the school the students do use them.

November 17th is our next Flea Market and we will have our usual lunch of hamburgers, potato salad, deviled eggs, dessert and drink. December 8th is our next pancake breakfast. Of course later in December Santa will make his annual visit.

Please try to come for any or all of the above – we always love to see our fellow Grangers.

Connie Frieden

Santiam Valley Grange #828

Summer is over, school has started and our Grange has been busy and wondering where the time has gone.

Our Turkey Dinner in September was its usual success (Of course it puts everyone in mind of the upcoming Holidays.) The dinner is always a great fundraiser for our Grange and this year was no exception. We had

Elkhorn Grange #908

Our 2nd Annual Elkhorn Grange #908 Fall Festival was held October 13th. It was A great success and money earned is for the maintenance of our building.

Anna Dean
Master



Silverton Junior Grange Charter Still Open

Did you know that a new Junior Grange has been meeting for the past year and plans to become chartered soon? As with all things that are enduring it takes a while to build the kind of foundation that makes for a lasting structure. Now the structure is in place we are planning to be chartered very soon. If you know a child who'd like to be a chartered member of Oregon's only Junior Grange this is their chance! Junior Grange membership is only a dollar a year and no better value can be found.

Silverton Junior Grange meets once a month at 3:00 p.m. on the first Sunday of the month, at Silverton Grange. In the past year we have learned about the flora and fauna on the grange grounds (and in the hall!), played a little table tennis, made scarecrows for the community garden and discovered the exciting sport of geocaching. Our mission for the Junior Grange is to help kids become active participants in life. We also learn about Grange tradition and ritual by opening and closing the hall in due form each meeting.

Silverton Junior Grange is led by Randi Embree, with assistance from Susie and Steve Kroeker, Tina Reynolds and Cate Tennyson. If you have a child in your life you'd like to introduce to Grange, this is a great opportunity to share in the pride of chartering a new Junior Grange.

If you'd like to come see what we're all about and have the chance to shop in the Salem area at the malls or at the Woodburn outlet store, we'll be hosting a parents shopping day on Saturday December 8th from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Please pack a lunch and snacks for your child and bring anything else you think they need to be comfortable for the day. Call Randi at [971-267-9364](tel:971-267-9364) or look on Silverton Junior Grange Facebook page for more information. We'll keep you posted there on our upcoming activities and our planned Charter Ceremony.

Randi Embree



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