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“150 Years of Grange” Traveling Exhibit

A timeline poster with 24 captioned photographs that highlight the organization's history and accomplishments is the centerpiece of an exhibit for libraries and historical museums. If there's a display case that is larger than the poster, objects (ballot box, sashes, seal, gavel, motto, books, etc.) and photos of Grange halls in the area are added. If there's no display case, an artist's easel that sits on top of a table or low bookcase can hold the poster securely.

The Corvallis-Benton County Library was the first to display the exhibit. Librarian Erin raved about the exhibit and their patrons' response to it. May 1 Jay Sexton moved the exhibit to the Philomath Community Library. A second copy was mounted on a 20' wall at the Sandy Public Library.

Here's the schedule for the remainder of the year:

June

Albany Main Library
State Grange Convention

July

Albany Carnegie Library
July 24-August 23
Rainer Public Library

August

Hermiston Public
August 25-September 4
Log Cabin at State Fair

September

Baker County Library Main Branch
Forest Grove City Library
Bandon Public Library

October

Silver Falls Public Library

November

Phoenix Public Library
Eugene Public Library

December

Eugene Public
Lowell City



Above: The 150 Years of Grange in the Corvallis-Benton County Library.

We are still scheduling Ontario Community, Sherwood Public, and the Southern Oregon Historical Society Research Library in Medford.

Most libraries display exhibits for one month, but the range has been two weeks to two months.

We have three copies of the timeline poster so can accommodate five more libraries in 2017. We only have one firm date for 2018. If your library is interested, contact Marilyn Reiher at m_reiher@comcast.net.

We are especially interested in booking locations in District #5.



National Master to Attend OSG Convention

Betsy Huber, Master of the National Grange will be our guest at the 144th Annual Convention of the Oregon State Grange. Elected in 2015, she formerly served on the NG Executive board from 2006-2014. She was born and raised on a dairy farm in Chester County, Pennsylvania and is a life-long Granger.

See pages 6, 10-14 for more convention information.

12 Display Cases! Help!

The biggest challenge will be the Multnomah County Central Library (previously known as the Portland Public Library), which is scheduled for **April 28-June 24, 2018**. All 12 display cases must be filled! They are three different sizes. The four largest are the size of a coffin (3' wide x 6' long).

The library staff were taken by the photo on the timeline of Jeanne Taylor's prize winning quilt block. They wanted assurance that the actual quilt block will be exhibited. While historic photos and newspaper articles can be used, they really want 3-D objects. A plan for the theme of each display case needs to be submitted soon. Then in October a design plan for each display case is required.

So help is needed. If you or your Grange has photos or objects that you think might be appropriate and are willing to loan, please contact Marilyn at m_reiher@comcast.net. She is also looking for experienced fair booth designers, who would be willing to design a case or two.

The Central Library will host an Opening Reception for the exhibit. They will supply refreshments. They will also print and mail invitations to 500 addresses we supply as well as their own mailing list. We will provide five speakers, each of whom will speak no longer than five minutes. The Oregon State Grange can schedule two programs during the exhibit period. They are looking for demonstrations, not lectures. They clearly have years of experience managing these display cases and know what works.

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The Master's Column

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Are you ready for our annual convention? I wish I could say we are in the office, but we have a long ways to go! The good news is that I have been really busy recording the names of our new members and getting their new member packets ready for mailing. We still have not received first quarter reports from 20 Granges, but I am happy to report that we have added nearly 200 new members! While the first quarter also shows drops for non-payment of dues, we are on our way to our goal of a net gain!

All the boxes of goodies for the GrangeUp program were delivered by early in May, giving everyone ideas for connecting with their current members as well as potential members, and highlighting the benefits of this program. I hope that your Grange is making the effort to increase your membership.

I also hope that your Grange will continue to stay in touch with the Grange leader who brought you the box and banner. These individuals are ready to help as they can or to pass along questions to me or their committee Director. We are all working toward the shared goal of increased membership and participation. The State Grange is working to raise the awareness of the Grange throughout the state.

One of the highlights at our convention this year will be a "GrangeUp '17 Pep Rally" to keep the momentum going. This will be Monday evening. All members are encouraged to attend.



Bailey Barks!

I heard a good joke the other day. Q: What do you get when you cross a dog with a calculator? A: A friend you can count on!

That was really just for my Mom, her being the bean counter in the family. She has been busy getting ready for the State Grange Convention. Dad has also been busy finding me a babysitter. Sounds like I'll be well taken care of by Nephew Justin, and maybe I'll get to spend some time with Sophie, his dog. We have a great time together, tearing around the yard and then flopping down wherever in the house for a good snooze. But I will be thinking of all of you guys at the Grange meeting and wondering if you all brought an entry for "Bailey's Good

Resolutions

Having the Pep Rally will also give everyone a break from the work of the week. Currently we have received over 80 resolutions! Many of these are due to the resolution we adopted last year that would sunset any policy over ten years old. Concerned Grangers made a concerted effort to make sure that policies they believed in will not slip away without a review. The fact that we as an organization are forced to examine our developed policies should make us more aware and better equipped to act on our statements.

An example of the impact our members can make was seen recently as we came together to write letters and give testimony in opposition to Oregon SB181. This bill could impact our property tax status and give our hardworking Secretaries yet another government filing to handle. I am still not sure if this bill will actually pass the legislature. The chair of the House committee seems to think it would not affect us, but it could be the first step that would ultimately include non-profits such as the Grange. Many of our members wrote letters to the committee and several came to the Capitol to testify about the damage this bill could do to a community organization.

Lobbyist

One bright spot in all this was that the State Grange has contracted with Clarkes Grange member, Craig Loughridge, to represent us as our lobbyist. Craig has been instru-

mental in rallying Grangers to oppose SB181. He has been a great addition to our State Grange legislative team. Craig and his family have been members of Clarkes Grange in Clackamas County for just over seven years. He and I met during the Ag Luncheon at the State Capitol this past April. Craig works in the Salem area and is available to help us on the same part-time basis we had with our former lobbyist Jim Welsh.

Craig has already set up an email list of members and sends weekly updates called *The Capitol Granger*. If you are not receiving this and would like to, please let the office know and we will get your email added. We are working hard to keep this list current in the hopes that we can make more use of this electronic means of communication. Craig is planning to attend a couple of days of our convention so please introduce yourself and welcome him to his new position as our lobbyist!

150th Anniversary

As we get closer to the actual anniversary date of December 4th, 2017, Granges need to start planning celebrations. Invite the community into your hall to help you celebrate our 150 years of service, support and partnerships with 169 communities across Oregon. Our State Grange is still in the planning stages for our party, but save the date on your calendar. Our celebration is scheduled for the actual date of December 4th, and your invitation will be in the mail this fall!

In the meantime District #2 is working hard to make this year's convention a great experience for everyone attending. Maybe our beautiful days will last, and we will be blessed at the coast with fun in the sun. But no matter the weather, Grangers always have a good time together! See you in Florence!

MISSING



The office copy of the 1910 Oregon State Grange Proceedings is missing pages 67 & 68. It appears they were cut out. Please look through your Grange's cupboards and closets as well as your personal library for these proceedings. They may be in an individual year book or in a multi-year bound book. Please let the Grange office know if you find and we will make arrangements to borrow and scan.

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Dog Contest." Remember all the entries in this are donated to a shelter for dogs who are looking for their forever home.

The entries only need to have items for any good dog (like me), and they can be store bought or hand made. They will be judged on creativity and you could go home with some cash and a beautiful ribbon! But best of all a shelter Dog could be getting some snacks, a new collar, or maybe some new toys. I hope there are lots of entries this year so that the Dogs in Florence will hear all about the Oregon State Grange, and hope that they will be adopted by Grangers!

Woof, Bailey

Upcoming Dates/Deadlines

June 8	Deadline to turn in OSG Convention pre-registration (<i>avoid standing in line and waiting for a name tag</i>) your Pre-Registration form must be sent to the State Grange office with your check
June 24-29	Oregon State Grange Convention - Florence
July 6	Hotel Reservation deadline for Western Regional Leadership & Youth Conference - Berry Farm Hotel, Buena Park, California
July 19	Registration for Western Regional Leadership & Youth Conference, due to Lillian Booth, California State Grange Secretary
August 4-6	Western Regional Leadership & Youth Conference - Berry Farm Hotel, Buena Park, California
August 13	Distinguished Grange Applications must be postmarked to the National Grange
August 15	Youth Achievement Awards Applications due to State Grange Office
August 17	Electronic applications for the Distinguished Grange Award must be received by 11:59 EST at www.nationalgrange.org/distinguished
August 25 - Sept 4	Oregon State Fair - Fairgrounds, Salem
September 1	Applications for National Youth Officers, John Trimble National Youth Legislative Experience, and Distinguished Youth Program must be postmarked to the National Youth Director
November 7-11	151st National Grange Convention - Spokane,
December 4	150th Anniversary of the Grange
June 23-28, 2018	Oregon State Grange Convention - Clatsop County Fairgrounds, Astoria



The Lecturer's Column

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As you read this article I hope that you've put the finishing touches on your stories and poems and have those photos ready to display. Don't forget about the posters from past events. I'm sure the GWA can't wait to sample all the cookies.

display them!

Don't forget to bring your guitars and skits for the talent contest as last year's winner Carmel Valencia has been serenading us at Phoenix Grange for the last six months and is ready to sing again.

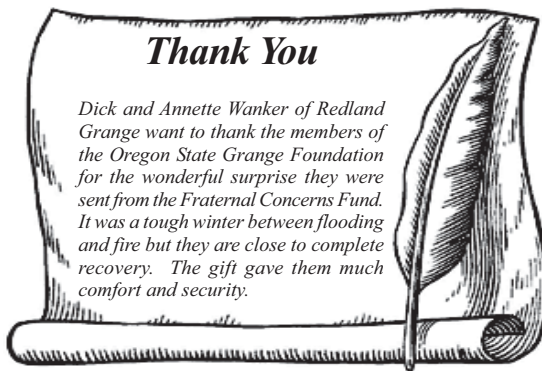
As I searched through boxes of Grange newspapers that I've kept over the last twenty plus years I found folders of papers that Arlawene Silvester had entrusted to me for safe keeping. I read through several columns from the 1983 and 1995 papers and found that from March forward we are reaching out to all members to get in touch with your creative sides. Enter as many contests as you can as I'm excited to

Let's not forget about GrangeUp and building membership. We need all the help we can get to carry on our good works. I would love to taste someone else's cooking at our monthly potlucks.

Celebrate Flag Day on June 14 with a tribute and learn when and why the celebration began. See all of you in a couple weeks.

Thank You

Dick and Annette Wanker of Redland Grange want to thank the members of the Oregon State Grange Foundation for the wonderful surprise they were sent from the Fraternal Concerns Fund. It was a tough winter between flooding and fire but they are close to complete recovery. The gift gave them much comfort and security.



Officer Stations Available

Since Mohawk-McKenzie Grange #747, Lane County moved into the old Willakenzie Grange Hall they have two sets of officer stations and are now ready to part with one of them. The stations are in decent shape in a light colored wood. There are individual stations for the Overseer, Lecturer, and Chaplain; an Altar, larger single stations for the Graces and for Secretary-Treasurer, and a Master's station.



If you are interested please contact Mark Noah, 541.726.6106 or email: marknoah00@gmail.com.

Sandlake Grange #546 Changes July Meeting

Sandlake Grange in Tillamook County has voted to change its regular meeting date in July 2017, as a result of the 4th of July holiday. The regular meeting will be held at 7pm on Tuesday, July 11, 2017 with potluck snacks preceding the business meeting at 6:30pm.

Thank You

John Knox, Forest Grove Grange wishes to thank everyone for their prayers and the cards he received after tangling with a bull in late February. Following surgery on March 9th to have his tibia screwed back together he is now on the mend and back up and about.

The bull may have won that battle but John later won the war as the bull became mincemeat.

Eagle Creek Grange #297 Holds Easter Egg Hunt

Each year it "gets bigger and bigger" said Barbara Brockway, Eagle Creek Grange #297 GWA Chairman. This year there were seventy-seven children at the event in this small, rural community in Clackamas County. That was up from sixty each of the last two years.



The Grange filled seven hundred plastic eggs with candy and roped an area off into five sections for the different age groups. If a child came without a basket, there were some available. When the whistle blew, off the children went.

selection of stuffed bunnies all around the room. Each child could select one to take home. Lots of "Thank yous" and "See you next year" were heard before the end of the event.

After the hunt they came into the Grange hall where there was a large



When the whistle blew, off went seventy-seven children.



The Chaplain's Corner

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It's hard to believe that another year has passed and we will soon be meeting again at the Oregon State Grange Convention. I hope as many of you that are able make the trip to Florence to renew old friendships and make new ones.

I hope also that you come to the Memorial Service where we honor those Subordinate and Pomona Grange Masters and the second delegate (most often the spouse) who served as delegates, Directors or State Officers who have passed in this last year. Secretaries have been notified to submit those names but I am asking long-time members to aid their Secretary by remembering members whom he or she might not be aware. We would really like to honor those members and would appreciate any help you may give. You can call me directly if you have any information.

Our time at the State Convention should be cherished time for all of us. There are many of us that have developed deep friendships with people all over the state but only get

to see them once or twice a year. Friends are not only necessary to our existence but are commanded in the Bible. In Ephesians 4:9-12 we read "Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up! Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone? And though man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him – a threefold cord is not quickly broken." And in John 15:12, 13 Jesus states the following: "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends."

Sometimes there are tense discussion over resolutions, but remember always that we are brothers and sisters and always friends. Friends when we arrive and better friends when we leave. So please come to the convention and enjoy the many friendships. See you at the beach!!



Warren and Beaver Homes Granges Help Sponsor Egg Hunt



The Megga Egg Hunt was held at the Columbia County Fairgrounds on April 15th. This mini fair event was free and sponsored by several local businesses including Warren and Beaver Homes Granges. This year's event had 1,600 kids looking for candy eggs in the wet fields and 1500 parents following along.

After the hunt the kids enjoyed horse rides by the Rodeo court, face painting, 4-H small animal petting area, 4-H dog training demo, 4-H archery display and a coloring contest. Thirty-five prizes for finding a golden coin were given in each age group by Warren Grange. Free snow cones were donated by Beaver Homes Grange and free popcorn donated by Warren Grange.

County Commissioner Henry Heimuller, a Warren Grange member, and Representative Brad Witt, were the greeters at the gates for the event goers. Senator Betsy Johnson, a Warren Grange member, was the volunteer announcer who started the hunt and helped some kids find several lost parents in the crowd.



OSG Community Service Director, *Eva Frost*, was one of the volunteer coordinators for the Megga Egg Hunt.

In Memoriam

James Roger Lee
Azalea Grange #786

Pearl Taylor
Garfield Grange #317

Betty McLarty
Harding Grange #122

Linda Knifong
Hurricane Creek Grange #608

Delores Heitzman
Irving Grange #377

George Van Actmael
Lacomb Grange #907

Althea Lyski
Leedy Grange #339

Howard Lee Caldwell
Mosier Grange #234

Daniel "Buzz" Harris
Mt Vernon Grange #659

Connie Miller
Parkdale Grange #500

William Braden
Pine Grove Grange #356

Clarence De Camp
Riversdale Grange #731

Lorraine Rockford
Union Hill Grange #728

Mary Dudley
Warren Grange #536

LeRoy Johnson
Warren Grange #536



*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.*

Molalla Honors Members

On March 22, 2017 Molalla Grange #310 in Clackamas County had the privilege of presenting several membership awards to their members recognizing their long time commitment to the Grange. The Grange asked Clackamas County Pomona #1 Master Ed Luttrell to do the presenting as he does a super job.

Receiving their Silver Star Certificate representing twenty-five

years of membership were Gerry and Bonnie George and Kevin Kindall. Tom Daniels received his Golden Sheaf Certificate for his fifty years of membership. And Lucia Schuebel received her 80 year acknowledgment letter from the National Grange. Additionally, arrangements had been made for Guy Fine, a member of Liberty Grange #613 in Wallowa County but who resides in Molalla, to received his Golden Sheaf Certificate that night.



Pictured L-R: Gerry and Bonnie George, Ed Luttrell, Diane Potter who picked up the award for her mother, Lucia Schuebel who turned 102 on March 14th and Guy Fine.



Clare Jacobson, Columbia Grange #867 Master, with Margaret Thorpe, who is holding the letter from National Grange Master Betsy Huber acknowledging her 85 years of membership during the 80th anniversary celebration of Columbia Grange.

Columbia Grange #867 Celebrates 80 Years Since Chartered

An open house was held by Columbia Grange #867, Umatilla County on April 29th. The celebration honored past members of Columbia Grange and several community service organizations.

Special Guest of Honor was Margaret Thorpe, who received a letter from the National Master celebrating her 85 years of Grange membership. She first joined Greenfield Grange in Boardman in 1932 at the age of sixteen.

The event started with a baked potato bar; followed by an Ice Cream Social, which had been purchased at last year's OSG convention from the GROW Club.



GROW Club members Jim and Margaret Clute, Mark Noah and Marilyn Reiher getting ready for the ice cream social.



L-R: Clarkes Grange Master Christy Dumolt presenting seals to Ken Naylor, Shirley Naylor, Jim Dumolt, Annie Dickson and Scottie Dickson.



Secrets of a Secretary

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State Session

By now, you should have received the State Session packet for your Grange. This packet includes the Pre-Registration form, Credentials for delegates, Committee preference form, Memorial form, meal order form and hotel information for Florence. Please double check the due dates on this information and submit it to the Oregon State Grange office. If you haven't received this packet, please check online at www.orgrange.org/state-grange-information/ or contact the Oregon State Grange office at (503) 316-0106 ASAP.

The Memorial form is to be completed if your Grange had a deceased member who served as a State Officer, State Committee Director, a Delegate to State Session or State Youth or Junior officer and has died since our last State Session. This form was due by May 15th but please send in anyway. This is **very important** for the Memorial Service on Monday June 26. The names of these people will be read aloud at the service. We want to be as

up-to-date up-to-date as possible with this information.

Be sure to review the instruction and due dates on all the state session forms carefully. If in doubt call the State Grange office.

Secretary's and Treasurer's State Convention Conference

I hope you plan on attending the Secretary's and Treasurer's Conference; Monday morning, June 24th, 7:30-8:45am. Paula Herrick, OSG Treasurer and I will review and clarify areas that have challenged and concerned Grange Secretaries and Treasurers. I hope it will be a good exchange of information and ideas for everyone. One more tool for you.

Be sure to check another tool over, this month's Grange Bulletin, for all the State Convention events and special days. Plan to attend! Go prepared to learn, socialize, exchange ideas and to have FUN with your fellow Grangers.

See you at State Convention in Florence.



L-R: Clarkes Master Christy Dumolt and Suzan Sether with Edith Wettlaufer Littleton in front.

Clarkes Grange #261 Presents Membership Awards Twice

On April 8th Clarkes Grange, Clackamas County presented membership seals to five members. Receiving seals for 55 year of membership were Ken Naylor, Jim Dumolt, Annie Dickson and Scottie Dickson. Receiving a 65-year seal was Shirley Naylor.

Then on May 3rd Clarkes Master

Christy Dumolt visited Pheasant Pointe Assisted Living Residence in Molalla to present Edith Wettlaufer Littleton with her 55, 60, 65 and 70 year seals recognizing her many years of Grange membership. Joining them was Edith's daughter, Suzan Sether, who received her Golden Sheaf Certificate and pin for her fifty years of membership.



The Agricultural Report

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I hope to see many of you at the Oregon State Grange Convention in Florence, June 24 – 29. The Agriculture Committee will have several activities for your education and entertainment. On Saturday, June 24th at 9 AM we will have the Ag Tour. This year, we will be carpooling for the tour, because renting a bus in Florence was expensive, and because our tour is very short in travel distance—less than five miles total travel. We will visit with the manager of the Florence Farmers Market and see the Market, hear about commercial ocean fishing, and see ice cream being made by hand in a family run shop.

Please reserve your spot on the tour by emailing agdir@orgrange.org or calling my home 541-929-5452. When you sign up please let me know if you can drive and if you have an extra seat or two. The trip will be limited to 40 people and we will return to the Events Center about noon for a free lunch.

The Ag Committee will also host two conferences. On Monday, June 26th, at 7:30 am, Elise Higley from Our Family Farms will talk about her organization which advocates for family farms in Southern Oregon. On Thursday, June 29th we will hear from Genie Harden of Spencer

Creek Grange about How to Start a Farmers Market.

In the last issue of the Bulletin I mentioned the Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program, created by a coalition of statewide agriculture and conservation organizations with a common desire to support agriculture and natural resource values in Oregon. This program will start with the passage of a bill in the legislature: HB 3249. At this writing, in early May, HB 3249 is in the House Ways and Means Committee and could still gain passage.

During the last couple of months the District Chairs of the Ag Committee have participated in the GrangeUp effort to visit every Grange in Oregon and promote efforts to boost membership and celebrate the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Grange. We also helped out at Ag Fest at the State Fairgrounds in Salem, helping thousands of kids and families plant marigolds, peppers, or tomatoes, to take home. This year's Grange volunteer force at Ag Fest was a big fun group, and I felt that together we made it so no small group had to shoulder too much work over the two days. Thank you volunteers!

See you in Florence!

Oregon State Grange AG Tour Saturday, June 24

Leave the Florence Event Center at 9am.
Return at 12 noon for a free lunch then attend the conferral of the first four degrees.

The Ag Tour in Florence this year will visit three diverse locations:

- ◆ The Florence Farmers Market, where we hear from the manager about the mechanics of the market
- ◆ The Bayfront, where we hear from someone about commercial ocean fishing – a fishing vessel may be there.
- ◆ Tour of BJ Ice Cream Parlor manufactory, where we see handmade ice cream made – this family has had ice cream makers for five generations.

Must reserve your spot by June 15
Limited to 40 people on a first come basis

Since lunch will be provided please let Jay know of any special meal needs.

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l-r: Iva May Van Noy, Cookie Trupp and Malcolm Trupp help youngsters plant their seedlings.

Ag Fest Sets Attendance Record

It was a record-breaking crowd of 21,964 that attended the 30th annual Ag Fest April 29-30 at the Oregon State Fairgrounds. A good share of them found their way to the Oregon State Grange activity center in Ag Country where visitors had the chance to plant marigold, pepper or tomato seedlings into peat pots to take home to their own gardens or patios. They also had the opportunity to learn about the Grange with an emphasis on Junior Grangers and opportunities for families.

Thank you to Alice Nowicki, Anne Startin, Annette Naylor, Barker Stutzer, Bob Ludi, Brianna Herrick, Buzi Beckley, Carrie Shaw, Connie Suing, Cookie Trupp, Dan LeBrun, Dennis Chapman, Dick Putnam, Don Kingsborough, Elaine

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A special Thank you to Vernon and Paula Herrick, Herrick Farms, for growing the more than 5400 seedlings used for this event.



A steady stream of families stopped by the Grange activity center during Ag Fest and many took home information about the Grange.

Rockford Grange Hosted The Big One 2.0 Community Meeting

April 20th Rockford Grange coordinating with Hood River County Emergency Operations and First Responders, hosted The Big One 2.0 (Cascadian subduction earthquake). This community-wide event included keynote speaker Dr. Althea Rizzo, geological hazards program coordinator for Oregon Office of Emergency Management.

Dr. Rizzo opened her talk by asking everyone in the room to introduce themselves to each other as these will be the people you need to plan to depend on when disaster strikes. She said there's a 37 percent chance of this huge earthquake happening in the next 50 years. Scientist can't predict exactly when, but we, as citizens can determine whether we're prepared or not.

Bringing in 200-plus community members, who participated in hands-on demonstrations, informational booths, tactical gear exhibits didn't only focus on earthquake preparedness, but any kind of disaster emergency.

This winter was a good example of why citizens need to be prepared. The Gorge experienced the closure of I-84 several times, causing fuel and food shortages, to name just a couple issues. They also experienced an oil train exploding last summer causing a major traffic crisis in both Oregon and Washington for 24 hours. Some commuters were stuck in their cars in sweltering temperatures for eight hours. Rockford Grange is making plans to be a disaster center for their neighbors in the event of a disaster.



More than 200 people attended community event in preparation for the Big One. Photo courtesy of the Hood River News.



Clarkes Grange Raises Funds for Cuddle Cot

Clarkes Grange #261 in Clackamas County has spent the spring raising funds for a Cuddle Cot to be placed at Providence Willamette Falls Hospital in Oregon City. One of their newer members brought the need to their attention. "We were unaware of what a Cuddle Cot even was" said Annette Naylor. It is a cooling device that is used to keep a stillborn baby's body at a regulated temperature. The baby is then able to be kept in the hospital room for an extended period of time so that families may dress, take pictures and say their goodbyes.

Cuddle Cots are manufactured in England and cost approximately \$3000.

Fundraising was kicked-off in February with their 30th annual Sweetheart Breakfast with 100% of the donations for breakfast going to purchasing the Cuddle Cot for the

hospital. That amounted to \$1200; a nice start to the project.

Members of Clarkes Grange also visited other Clackamas County Granges that were in the vicinity and whose members would likely make use of, the Oregon City hospital, asking for their help. Seven Clackamas County Granges, Redland, Springwater, Molalla, Maplewood, Abernathy, Harding and Warner, donated between \$100 and \$500 dollars each as well as individual members, the Wankers from Redland and the Heilmans from Abernathy. They received donations from some other community organizations and members as well.

With their goal in sight and only needing \$500 more, the Grange held a Spring Mix Bazaar on May 6th. Between vendors fees, raffle ticket sales and the kitchen they hoped to



Community Service

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The past several months, many of us have been visiting Granges and delivering a box of goodies to engage each Grange with ideas on the new "GrangeUp '17" membership program. I visited 14 Granges and have returned to 3 for their special events. I have learned so much about each Grange and what they are doing within the community. Visiting a Grange gives a personal touch and can develop lasting friendships. It is apparent that Grangers take pride in what they are doing in the community.

HURRY!! Send me your 2016 Annual Community Service Report. The deadline is June 1. I know that many Granges are busy volunteering in their communities. The only way the State Grange knows what you are doing is if you fill out the report form, which you can download from the State Grange website. Contact me if you have any questions about filling out your Annual Community Service Report.

The Oregon State Grange receives money (\$250) from the National Grange, IF 25% of Granges send in a report. We use this money to fund the prizes awarded for Community Service Yearbooks. **So HURRY and send in your Annual Report!**

The **Volunteer Log** form, which is also on the State Grange website, can be used to log member's volunteer hours each month during your meeting. These forms are your backup information and should not

reach the objective. The results of the Bazaar were amazing with \$1481.50 raised, exceeding their goal by almost \$1000.

After getting the cot, all remaining funds donated will be split among a couple other people raising money

be included or attached to the report you mail. Contact me if you have any questions. Please remember to focus on serving your community.

The **Community Service Yearbook** for 2016 must be entered for judging at the State Grange Convention by noon on Sunday **June 25**. Or you may mail your book to me by June 1. All yearbooks will be judged at the convention and certificates will be awarded to all entrants. The first place winner will be sent to National Grange in November. Refer to the *OSG Awards, Contests and Scholarships* booklet for more information.

Volunteer of the Year recognizes a member who is a dedicated volunteer in your community. Nominations must be sent to me by **June 1**. Refer to the *OSG Awards, Contests and Scholarships* booklet for more information. The winner will be announced and presented with a certificate and award at the State Grange Convention.

Firefighter, Law Enforcement Officer and Teacher of the Year Awards is National Grange program and needs to be sent to me by **June 1**. Refer to the *OSG Awards, Contests and Scholarships* booklet for more information. The winner will be announced and presented with a certificate at the State Grange Convention and then forwarded to the National Grange.

Thanks for your service in your community.

Clarkes Grange is hoping to have the Cuddle Cot in Willamette Fall Hospital by the end of June.



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**Coburg West Point Community
Grange #535
Lane County
Organized 1915**



Location: 32663 E Mill St, Coburg
Meets: 2nd Wed 7 pm
Mail address: PO Box 8041, Coburg 97408
Contact: Alice Brooks, rentals
Joe Morneau, Master

Best known for: A great place for rentals. Sponsor of Coburg Car Classic, Poker Night, Lighted Christmas Parade and Chili Feed.

What is unique or different about your Grange? Our Grange is located in the heart of downtown Coburg making it the ideal community center.

Other Projects: Members volunteer at Coburg Antique Fair, Quilt Show, Circus, Parents Night Out, and Golden Years. In addition the Grange has regular users including a Yoga class, an Exercise class and the Sew n Sew's Quilting.



**Elmira Grange #523
Lane County
Organized 1915**



Location: 88764 Sprague St, Elmira
Meets: 1st Tues 7 pm
Mail address: PO Box 401 Elmira 97437
Contact: Heather Blake

Best known for: Music Jams, getting together for fun. They have a neighborhood garden complete with a moon garden bench and a hitchin' post and water trough. Other activities include Annual Holiday Bazaar and garden parties. Available to rent for special events.



**Silverton Grange #748
Marion County
Organized 1930**



Location: 201 Division St NE {off S Water}, Silverton
Meets: 2nd Sunday - directly following program community potluck 5:30 pm
6:15 pm Program
Mail address: PO Box 1115, Silverton 97381
Contact: Aaron Embree



**Fairfield Grange #720
Marion County
Organized 1929**

Location: 13651 River Rd NE, Gervais
Meets: 3rd Thurs 7 pm; potluck 6 pm
Mail address: 3081 Matheny Rd NE
Gervais 97026
Contact: Dave O'Neill

Best known for the daffodil field next to the east side of their Grange hall; looks beautiful in spring.

They have photographs of the construction of the building.

Their GWA has an active sewing group and donates kids' quilts and pajamas; aprons and lap quilts to seniors. They donate money to their local food bank and send totes full of entries to state Grange.



**Thurston Grange #853
Lane County
Organized 1936**

Location: 6569 Thurston Rd, Springfield
Meets: 1st Thurs 7 pm; potluck 3rd Fri 6:30 pm
Mail address: 805 52nd St, Springfield 97478
Contact: Kent Lemanquais

Known for their unique building, they hold a community flea market twice a year, rent their hall and are involved in community service.



**Triangle Grange #533
Lane County
Organized 1915**

Location: 20280 Blachly Grange Rd, Blachly
Meets: 2nd Mon 7 pm
Mail address: PO Box 26, Blachly 97412
Contact: Maxine Renken

Best known for their Mother's Day and Father's Day Breakfast, 4th of July & Labor Day BBQ, talents shows, bingo & bunco.

They are the distribution and storage site for Lane County Food for their community. A local church meets there each Sunday as well as wrestling practice and school testing.



**Macleay Grange #293
Marion County
Organized June 2, 1900**



Location: 8312 Macleay Rd SE, Salem
Meets 3rd Tues 7pm; potluck 6pm
Mail address: PO Box 7411, Salem 97303
Contact: Anne Startin

The building was formerly a military school operated by the Oregon National Guard. Most notable former member was Governor Mark Hatfield.

The Grange actively participates in the annual car show hosted by the Macleay Inn every September, cooking breakfast for the community.

Best known for Sustainability-Reskilling the community in canning, fermenting, food preservation. Promoting water conserving and self-sufficient gardening practices in open community garden.

Hosting a variety of other classes and groups. Our monthly open community forum and of course great potlucks!

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Scotts Mills Grange #938
Marion County
Organized 1954

Location: 299 4th St, Scotts Mills
Meets: 2nd Fri 7pm;
potluck Oct-May 6pm
Mail address: PO Box 33
Scotts Mills 97375
Contact: Jennifer Barber



Union Hill Grange #728
Marion County
Organized 1929

Location: 15775 Grange Hall Rd, Sublimity
Meets: 3rd Thurs 8 pm; potluck 6:30 pm
Mail address: 17253 Silver Falls Hwy SE
Sublimity 97385
Contact: Mary Ann Scott

Their hall was built in 1897 as a church and purchased in 1929 by the new Grange. The hall is heavily rented.



Woodburn Grange #79
Marion County
Organized February 1874

Location: 908 N Settlemier, Woodburn
Meets: 1st Thurs 7:00 pm; potluck 6:00 pm
Social 3rd Thurs 7 pm finger food
Mail address: 2094 Lilac Way
Woodburn 97071
Contact: Jan Petroski

The Grange holds a monthly flea market. The hall is located in town and has a full rental schedule.



2017 Host Granges

Each year the Granges in the Oregon State Grange Convention host district are asked to provide a current picture of their hall and a brief summary of their activities and items unique to them. Those that respond get a write-up; those that don't, get just the basic information listed and a picture if there is one in the OSGB files.

District 2 is made up of the Granges in Benton, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion and Polk counties. This issue contains information on Marion County and a few Lane County Granges. The rest appeared in the April/May issue of the Bulletin.

Enjoy learning a little about the host Granges and "Sea and be Seen in '17" in Florence, Oregon.

Granges Take Advantage of State Grange Sign Reimbursement Program



Above: L-R Glen Gordon, King Phelps and Bill Calvert put up sign.

May 31, 2017 was the deadline to apply for reimbursement for upgrading of your Grange Hall sign. The Executive Committee funded one half of a signage project up to the total of \$350.00 per Grange. Work must have been completed and the funds applied for by the deadline. About ten Granges in Oregon took advantage of the program. If you did and you have not sent a photo(s) and story in for the Bulletin, please do so for a future issue.

Santiam Valley Installs Vandal Proof Sign

The Santiam Valley Grange #828 purchased a new double sided lighted reader board custom sign. The sign is lit by LED



proof covering on both sides and uses eight inch lettering. They had problems with people rearranging the letters on their previous sign. The new sign has locking, sliding plex-a-glass panels so the public cannot get to the letters. With the help of Grange members and members of the community, they poured a new cement slab for the sign to be placed on. The sign was installed on May 17, 2017.

Kellogg Grange Gets New Reader Board Sign

On November 2, 2016 the membership of Kellogg Grange #811 in Douglas County authorized the purchase of a sign through the State Grange Sign Reimbursement Program. On March 25, 2017 several of the members installed the sign in a place where it is visible to those traveling both from the east and west on OR Hwy 138. Kellogg Grangers gives a big "thank you" to members Glen Gordon, King Phelps, Bill Calvert and Tracey for their work on the sign and to Donna Kobbe and Lisa Clemo for organizing a luncheon to feed the workers.

The members of the Kellogg Grange would like to thank the Executive Committee and the late Marcel Mandel for making the funds available for Granges to improve their signage. They are very excited about the sign and expect it to greatly improve their ability to communicate with the community. They have already received a large quantity of feedback from community members planning to attend their Annual Spring Cake Walk because of the sign.



Deaf Awareness and Family Health

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Save the Grange Potluck, Please!

My niece's husband recently learned that an undiagnosed allergy to dairy protein may be the source of health problems that have plagued him for years. My sister-in-law – who is an excellent and creative cook — has been hard at work modifying her family dinners to eliminate not just milk but butter, margarine (Yes, it usually contains dairy ingredients), whey products, and cheese. Of course it's not easy, but her goal is that everyone who comes to the table can share the same meal. Sometimes that means there are two kinds of soup or pie. Sauces and dressings are not added before serving. Often there are two options for potatoes. Our favorite family vegetable seems to be the natural partner of dairy foods, but coconut milk and olive oil have their uses.

There are foods we all choose or avoid because of health issues, weight control, religious beliefs, and even politics. A wise cook knows efforts to understand and incorporate a special diet also honor the bonds of family and friendship. How do we navigate these considerations with our potluck food?

Think about successful gatherings, as opposed to successful meals. Family health includes good conversation and strong friendships. Potluck should be a low pressure option for busy people, not a competition for the best casserole or the most expensive ingredients. Bring something you like, eat what you can, and learn more about what your Grange friends enjoy. Next time you'll have a better idea of what might tempt them and spark your interest in cooking as well. But it's

more important that everyone take the time to sit down and share the day's events, even with their glass of water or their meal replacement shake.

As for the food, simplicity may be the best approach. Be judicious about added cheese, meat, breadcrumbs, or seasoning mixes. Sometimes they're key to the dish, but other times you can easily forgo added ingredients and make your potluck offering accessible to more people. Provide the recipe or ingredient list if you can; it will be appreciated by those who have reason to be cautious.

Back when you couldn't even go into the main hall until you'd taken your four degrees, new members could spend months relegated to visiting in the kitchen and helping with the dishes during Grange meetings. My more recent experience is that Granges have the most egalitarian workforce of any group I know. Everyone helps out because everyone is also needed in the meeting room.

In my Grange we stopped having potlucks before our meetings when we went to one business meeting per month. I'm inspired by other Granges where potluck night is a completely separate time from the business meeting, often with a speaker and open to other invited guests. All of us need to be aware that the concept of potluck food is a red flag for county environmental health departments. You cannot just invite the public to a potluck, but you can invite a friend. Let's make those invitations be sought out by everyone we know as we carry out GrangeUp '17!

2017 LANE COUNTY FAIR

The Lane County Fair will be held July 19 through 23 at the Fairgrounds in Eugene, Oregon. **Wednesday, July 19 is Grange Day.** Grangers can get in at a reduced rate by presenting the coupon below at the ticketbooth when purchasing tickets. This is good only on Wednesday, July 19th. Copies of the coupon will not be acceptable. Please cut out this coupon and save it for July 19.



On Grange Day the Lane Pomona Grange and the Lane County Fair will sponsor a Veggie & Fruit Dress Up Contest. All contestants (age 10 years and younger) who have a Dress Up Veggie or Fruit will get in FREE up to 1:00 pm on **Grange Day (July 19).**

Contest Rules

- A. Contestants must be 10 years or younger. One entry per person. Contestant will get in FREE on Wednesday until 1:00 pm if they bring in a dressed up fruit or vegetable.
 - B. The Contestants will be divided into four categories according to age:
 - Category 1: 2, 3 and 4 year olds
 - Category 2: 5 and 6 year olds
 - Category 3: 7 and 8 year olds
 - Category 4: 9 and 10 year olds
 - C. The Entries must be submitted between 11am and 2 pm on **Wednesday, July 19.**
 - D. The Entries must be submitted at the Grange area inside of the Auditorium (the building East of Main Fair entrance off of 13th Avenue.)
 - E. The judging will be conducted by three Pomona Grange members.
 - F. The judging will be based on such attributes as originality, imagination, presentation, and appearance.
 - G. Winners will be posted Wednesday, July 19 by 3:30 pm in the Grange area.
 - H. The top three winners in each category will receive the following:
 - First Place - \$25 plus a season pass to the Fair.
 - Second Place - \$15 plus a two day pass to the Fair.
 - Third Place - \$10 plus a one day pass to the Fair.
- Each entry will receive a Participation Ribbon and several Honorable Mentions ribbons will be awarded.

Please join us and bring your Dress Up Veggie or Fruit. Cookies, punch, and coffee will be provided. For more information contact: Malcolm Trupp, Lane County Fair Grange Coordinator, MalcolmandCookie@aol.com

Oregon State Grange Convention Conferences - Open to all members

Sunday, June 25
 2pm **Orientation** - for delegates and committee chairs – Main Hall

Monday, June 26
 7:30-8:45 am **Agricultural Conference** – Elisa Higley of Our Family Farms on being an advocate for small farmers and their goals, re-localization and protection of small farms, and how her organization can cooperate with the Grange – Dining Hall

7:30-8:45 **Secretary/Treasurer Conference** – Information on setting up bank accounts, changing signers, and new accounts, by the OSG Treasurer. Quarterly reports and Life Membership essentials by the OSG Secretary and state office staff - Auditorium

5:30 pm **Community Service Conference** – Linda Cook, PMP, - Emergency Program Manager - Lane Co. Sheriff's Office. How Granges around the state can work with their community emergency personnel – Auditorium

6:30 pm **Personal investment questions answered** – Scott Barker, OSG Investment advisor - Auditorium

Tuesday, June 27
 7:30-8:30 **Education Conference** – Jim Golden, President of the OASE - school finance and how it has changed since Measure 5;

challenges across the state for education; specifically the challenges that rural school districts face - Auditorium

8:30-9:45 am **Workshop** – Nancy Murray, OSG Attorney in collaboration with OSG Insurance agent David Grossnicklaus - Grange hall property and liability insurance - Auditorium

8:30-9:45 am **GWA Conference** – Hands on workshop making a craft led by Sue Dumolt and Sally Clute - Dining Hall

Wednesday, June 28
 7:30-8:30 am **Membership Conference** – How to attract youth and young adults using social media - Auditorium

7:30-8:30 am **DAFH Conference** – Solar Eclipse 2017: Grange Fun in the Path of Totality, planning for a safe viewing event - Dining Hall

Thursday, June 29
 7:30-8:30 am **Ag Conference** – Genie Harden, Spencer Creek Grange – Starting a Grange sponsored Farmers Market. – Dining Hall

7:30-8:30 am **Legislative Conference** – Making your resolutions have impact, developing an effective email network and what happens to resolutions after State Session. Craig Loughridge, OSG Lobbyist - Auditorium



144th Annual Convention Oregon State Grange

June 24-29, 2017

Florence Events Center
715 Quince St.
Florence, OR 97439



Tentative Schedule for the Oregon State Grange Convention



“Sea and be Seen in ‘17”

<u>Saturday, June 24</u>		<u>Sunday, June 25</u>	
7:30 am	Credentials Committee meets	7:30-8:30 am	Youth Officers Practice – Main Hall
8 am-1 pm	Registration opens for delegates, State Grange Officers & Directors, state committee members, State Youth Officers, State Junior Officers, and visitors - Lobby	8 am-noon	Registration of delegates, State Grange Officers & Directors, Deputies, state committee members, State Youth Officers, State Junior Officers, and visitors – Lobby
9 am	Ag Tour - Meet in front of Events Center. <i>Return to Events center by noon for a free sandwich lunch.</i>		GWA, Lecturer’s, Community Service Yearbook, Youth and Junior contest entries accepted – Auditorium Stage
	Fifth Degree Practice – Main Hall	9 am	Ceremonial opening in the 6 th Degree (<i>State Officers line up 8:45</i>) (then lowered to the 4 th degree) - Main Hall Presentation of National Master, Betsy Huber Roll Call Adoption of the Official Program
10 am	Rosebud Practice – Main Hall	9:30 am	Introduction of Host Committee Chair – Elizabeth Williams Introduction of Florence Events Center Director - Kevin Rhodes Welcome by Joe Henry, Mayor of the City of Florence Response by Overseer, Celia Luttrell Introduction of Lobbyist, Craig Loughridge Report of Division of Labor Committee Notice of Proposed By-Law Changes and late resolutions First report of Credentials Committee Introduction of Session Committee Chairmen 2018 Budget Committee Report
11 am	Memorial-Worship Service Practice – Main Hall	11:00 am	State Master’s Annual Address Assignment of Annual Address to Committee State Master’s Good of the Order Address Assignment of Good of the Order Address to Committees. Closing in the Fourth Degree – OSG Overseer
Noon	Junior talent, public speaking, and sign-a-song contestants must register in the Junior Room – Green Room Youth Public Speaking and Sign-a-song contestants must sign up with the State Youth Director.	Noon	GWA, Lecturer’s, Community Service Yearbook, Youth and Junior contest entries close and <i>area will be closed for judging</i> – Auditorium Stage
1 pm	Exemplification of the first four Degrees under the leadership of Jim Dumolt, Clarkes Grange – Main hall	12:30 pm	Foundation Luncheon* - <i>Annual meeting of Foundation follows lunch. Door Prizes</i> – Dining Hall
2-5 pm	GWA, Lecturer’s, Community Service Yearbook, Youth and Junior contest entries accepted – Auditorium Stage	2-5:45 pm	Registration Open – 5 th and 6 th degree tickets on sale until 30 minutes before Degree begins – Lobby
2-5 pm	Registration Open – Lobby		
4:30 pm	Talent contestants meet with State Lecturer; Public Speaking contestants meet with Youth Director – Auditorium		
5:30 pm	Kickoff Banquet* – “Sail Away Party” - <i>All members welcome with ticket purchased by June 1. Additional seating will be available for program portion</i> -Dining Hall		
7 pm	Talent Show, Public Speaking Contest - Auditorium Honor Grange awards, Agriculturist of the Year award Community Service – Volunteer of the Year award		
9 pm	Assignment of Deputies – OSG Gatekeeper – Main Hall		
9:15 pm	State Officers practice including Sixth Degree – Main Hall		

**Tentative Schedule for the 144th Oregon State Grange Convention, *continued***

2 pm	Orientation for delegates and committee chairs – Main Hall	1:30 pm	Session reconvenes – Main Hall Resolutions
3 pm	Session committee meetings – Dining Hall	2:30 pm	Tribute to Grange Veterans – Main Hall
4:30-6 pm	Dinner break	5-7 pm	Dinner break
6 pm	5 th Degree – District #2 – Main Hall	7 pm	Session Reconvenes – Main Hall Resolutions
7:45 pm	6 th Degree – Oregon State Grange Officers – Main Hall	9 pm	Closing in the Fourth Degree – Lyle Uit, Benton Pomona Master
<u>Monday, June 26</u>			
7:30-8:45 am	Agricultural Conference – Dining Hall	<u>Wednesday, June 28</u>	
7:30-8:45 am	Secretary/Treasurer Conference – Auditorium	<i>Wear Green to Support our Youth!</i>	
7:30-8:30 am	Youth Officers Practice – Main Hall	7 am	Youth Officers practice – Main Hall
8am-noon	Registration for delegates, State Grange Officers & Directors, Deputies, state committee members, State Youth Officers, State Junior Officers, and visitors – Lobby	7:30-8:30 am	Membership Conference - Auditorium
9 am	Memorial and Worship Service – Main Hall	7:30-8:30	DAFH Conference – Dining Hall
10:30 am	Opening in the Fourth Degree (<i>State Officers line up 10:15</i>) - Main Hall Roll Call Reading and adopting Sunday's Journal	8 am-noon	Registration for delegates, State Grange Officers & Directors, Deputies, state committee members, State Youth Officers, State Junior Officers, and visitors – Lobby
11:00 am	GIA Chairman of the Board, D. Thomas McKern	8:30 am	Youth officer pictures
Noon	Membership Luncheon* – Dining Hall	9 am	Opening in the Fourth Degree by State Youth Officers (<i>Line up by 8:45</i>) - Main Hall Roll Call - Reading and adopting Tuesday's Journal FFA Public Speaking winner – Lee Wesenburg Resolutions
1:30-5 pm	Registration Open – Lobby	Noon	Youth Luncheon & "Goodie Basket" drawings – Dining Hall
1:30 pm	Session reconvenes – Main Hall Resolutions	1:30-5 pm	Registration Open – Lobby
4 pm	Closing in the Fourth Degree - Ken Schwieger, Lane Pomona Master	1:30 pm	Session reconvenes – Main Hall Resolutions
4-5:30 pm	Dinner break	2 pm	Recognition of Past State Officers and Directors
5:30 pm	Community Service Conference – Auditorium	5-7 pm	Dinner break – GROW Club No-Host Dinner – TBA
6:30 pm	Personal investment questions answered – <i>Scott Barker, OSG Investment advisor</i> - Auditorium	7 pm	Session reconvenes Silent auction closes - Oral auction Resolutions
7:30 pm	GrangeUp '17 Pep Rally! Let's start the celebration! Everyone Welcome and encouraged to attend. - Dining Hall	9 pm	Closing in the Fourth Degree – Elizabeth Williams – Chair District #2 Hosting Committee
<u>Tuesday, June 27</u>			
<i>Wear Red Tennis Shoes to Support our Juniors! Red, White and Blue Day to Honor our Veterans!</i>			
6:30-8:00 am	Grange Benefits Breakfast – Complimentary – Dining Hall	<u>Thursday, June 29</u>	
7:30-8:30 am	Youth Officers Practice – Main Hall	7:30-8:30 am	Ag Conference – Dining Hall
7:30-8:30 am	Education Conference – Auditorium	7:30-8:30 am	Legislative Conference – Auditorium
8 am-noon	Registration for delegates, State Grange Officers & Directors, Deputies, state committee members, State Youth Officers, State Junior Officers, and visitors – Lobby	8 am-noon	Registration open – Lobby
8:30-9:45 am	Workshop – OSG Attorney & OSG Insurance agent - Auditorium	8:00 am	Pick up entries in the GWA, Lecturer, Youth and Junior contests – Stage
8:30-9:45 am	GWA Conference - Dining Hall	9 am	Opening in the 4 th Degree (State Officers line up 8:45 am) Roll Call - Reading and adopting Wednesday's Journal Resolutions continued
10 am	\$1 Junior Degree ticket required for entry. Opening in the Fourth Degree (State Officers line up 8:45) – Main Hall Roll Call Reading and adopting Monday's Journal OSG Attorney – Nancy Murray	10:30	Invitation by District #3 to visit in 2018 Thank you to District #2
10:30 am	Junior Degree, State Junior Officers – Main Hall	Noon	Lunch on your own
Noon	GWA Luncheon* - <i>GWA awards will be presented during luncheon</i> . – Dining Hall	1:30 pm	Session reconvenes – Main Hall Resolutions continued All other unfinished business
1:30-5 pm	Registration Open – Lobby	4 pm	Closing in Fourth Degree – OSG Master (or when finished)

****All members welcome with ticket purchased by June 1. Additional seating will be available for program portion.***



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Tentative Youth & Young Adults Schedule



Saturday, June 24		4-5:30 pm	Dinner break – Enjoy area restaurants.
8 am - 1 pm	Registration opens for all in the Lobby. Additionally, Youth check in at the Youth table to receive your welcome packet.	5:30 pm	Community Service Conference – Open to all members - Auditorium
9 am	Ag Tour - Visit the sights of Florence Fifth Degree Practice - Main Hall	6:30 pm	Personal investment questions answered – Scott Barker, OSG Investment advisor - Open to all members - Auditorium
10 am	Rosebud Practice - Main Hall	7:30 pm	GrangeUp '17 – Lets start the celebration! - Dining Hall
11 am	Memorial-Worship Service Practice - Main Hall	Tuesday, June 27	
Noon	Registration for the Public Speaking Contest and Sign-a-Song at the Youth table - Lobby.	Wear Red Tennis Shoes to Support Our Juniors! Red, White and Blue Day to Honor our Veterans	
1 pm	The first 4 degrees. If you have never witnessed these degrees, it will explain a lot as to what the Grange stands for and believes – Main Hall	6:30-8:00 am	Grange Benefits Breakfast – Dining Hall
2 pm	GWA, Lecturer's, Community Service Yearbook, and Youth contest entries accepted – Auditorium Stage	7:30-8:30 am	Youth Officers Practice – Main Hall
4:30 pm	Talent contestants meet with State Lecturer – Auditorium Public Speaking & Sign-a-Song Contestants meet with State Youth Director for mic checks - Auditorium	7:30-8:30 am	Education Conference – Open to all members - Auditorium
5:30 pm	Kickoff Banquet – "Sail Away Party" - Dining Hall. See the Youth Director for your pre-arranged tickets.	8 am - noon	Registration open
7 pm	Talent Show, Public Speaking, Sign-a-Song Contests - Auditorium	1:30-5pm	
9 pm	Youth Get Acquainted Activity and Ice Breakers - Youth Room ~ Snacks will be provided	8:30-9:45 am	Workshop - Oregon State Grange Attorney – Open to all members - Auditorium GWA Conference – Open to all members - Dining Hall
Sunday, June 25		10 am	Opening in the Fourth Degree by State Officers - Main Hall \$1 Junior Degree ticket required for entry
7:30-8:30 am	Youth Officers Practice – Main Hall	10:30 am	Junior Degree, State Junior Officers - Main Hall
8 am - noon	Registration Desk Opens - 5 th and 6 th degree tickets on sale until 30 minutes before Degree begins	Noon	GWA Luncheon - All members welcome with ticket - Dining Hall
9 am	Oregon State Grange Opens in the 6 th Degree ~ Introduction of Guests - Main Hall	1:30 pm	Session reconvenes - Main Hall
10 am	Introduction of the OSG budget - Master's Addresses	2:30 pm	Tribute to Grange Veterans
10:45 am	Installation of OSG Junior Officers by youth - Junior Room	3 pm	Carwash, money to be donated to comm. service project
11:45 am	Workshop – making your own first aid kit - Youth Room	5-7 pm	Dinner break – Enjoy area restaurants.
12:30 pm	Foundation Luncheon - All members welcome with ticket - Dining Hall	7-9 pm	Session Reconvenes - Main Hall
2 pm	Orientation for delegates and committee chairs - Main Hall	7:15 pm	Workshop - Jeopardy Challenge - Youth room
3 pm	Session committee meetings – the State Master encourages all Youth to participate as Committee Members. Please speak with the Youth Director to request a Committee if you are not already assigned.	Wednesday, June 28	
5 pm	Youth Pizza Party in the Youth room. We will be talking about National Grange contests.	7-8 am	Youth Officer Practice ~ LAST PRACTICE - Main Hall
6 pm	5 th Degree – District #2	7:30 am	Membership Conference - Open to all members - Auditorium DAFH Conference - Open to all members - Dining Hall
7:45 pm	6 th Degree – Oregon State Grange Officers	8 am - noon	Registration Open - Lobby
Monday, June 26		1:30-5pm	
7:30-8:30 am	Youth Officers Practice – Main Hall	8:30 am	Youth officer pictures – be dressed & have sash
8 am - noon	Registration open - Lobby	9 am	Oregon State Grange Youth Open Session! YEA - Main Hall Director's report - Guest: FFA Prepared Public Speaking Contest winner: Lee Wesenburg
7:30-8:45 am	Agricultural Conference – Open to all members - Dining Hall Secretary and Treasure's Conference – Open to all members - Auditorium	Noon	Youth Luncheon & "Goodie Basket" drawings - All members welcome with ticket - Dining Hall
9 am	Memorial/Worship Service - Main Hall	1:30 pm	Session reconvenes - Main Hall
10:30 am	Opening in the Fourth Degree - Main Hall	5-7 pm	Dinner break - GROW Club no host dinner for all GROW Club members ~ Please sign up at the registration table
Noon	Membership Luncheon - All members welcome with ticket - Dining Hall	7-9 pm	Session reconvenes - Main Hall Silent auction closes - Oral auction
1:30 - 4 pm	Session reconvenes - Main Hall	Thursday, June 29	
1:30-4 pm	Community service project - TBA	7:30-8:30 am	Agricultural Conference – Open to all members - Dining Hall Legislative Conference - Open to all members - Auditorium
		9 am	Opening of the last day of the 144th Oregon State Grange convention - Main Hall
		10:30 am	Invitation by District #3 to visit in 2018
		Noon	Lunch on your own - Enjoy area restaurants.
		1:30 - 4 pm	Session reconvenes/Closing when finished - Main Hall Resolutions continued - All other unfinished business



Oregon State Grange 144th Annual Convention
Tentative Junior Schedule

SATURDAY June 24th

8 am - 1 pm All Juniors register at general registration. All forms must be properly completed for Junior to participate. Juniors do not pay Registration Fee **BUT** must **Register** in order to participate in the Junior Room.

2-5 pm

12 noon Sign up for the Talent Contest in the Junior Room
Get to know each other
Practice for talent show

2pm Junior contest entries accepted - Auditorium Stage

4:30pm Talent contestants meet with State Lecturer - Auditorium

5pm Pick up your child(ren) no later than 5:10 pm

5:30-7pm Kickoff Banquet

7pm Talent Show and Public Speaking Contest - Auditorium

SUNDAY June 25th

8am - noon Junior contest entries accepted - Auditorium Stage

8:45am Junior Room Opens

9am Juniors Plan on attending the Opening of the Session

9:45am Welcome & Introduction of Officers

10:30am Snacks

10:45am Installation of Officers by the Youth Team
Dress nicely (Sunday dress)

11:15am Practice Degree for Officers
Special crafts activity for non Officers

12 noon Junior contest entries close

12:30pm Break for lunch - Pick your child(ren) up no later than 12:35 pm

1:40pm Junior Room Opens

2pm Practice degree work for Officers
Continue with special crafts or games for Non Officers

3pm Snacks and activities

4:30pm Break for dinner – Pick your child(ren) up no later than 4:20 pm

5:30pm Junior Room Open during the 5th and 6th degree.
Practice degree work for officers.
Open Activity for non-officers.
View Rosebud Drill – Join family at close of 6th degree for Ice Cream Social

MONDAY June 26th

8:45am Junior Room Open

9am Practice Degree Work for Officers
Open Activity for non-officers

10:30am Snacks

11am Open Activity for non-officers.

12 noon Break for lunch - Pick your child(ren) up no later than 12:10

1:25pm Junior Room Opens
Open Activities

3pm Snacks and activities

4pm Session Closes. Please pick up your children except officers.

4pm - 4:45pm Junior Officer Practice

5pm Pick up Junior officers

TUESDAY June 27th

9am Junior Room Opens
Please leave any car seats or boosters that your kids need

9:15am Group pictures: Officers and all Juniors

10:30am Open Junior Grange in Main Hall
Conferral of Junior Degree

12 noon Break for lunch - Pick your child(ren) up no later than 12:05

1:20pm Junior Room Open

2-5pm Leave for Tour/Activity - TBA
Please leave any car seats or boosters that your kids need

5pm Break for Dinner – Pick your child(ren) up no later than 5:05 pm

7pm Junior Room Open
Movie or games

9pm Sessions closes - Please pick up your child(ren) no later than 9:05

WEDNESDAY June 28th

8:45am Junior Room Open
Please leave any car seats or boosters that your kids need

9am Watch the Opening Drill by the Youth Officers- Main Hall

12 noon Break for lunch - Pick your child(ren) up no later than 12:05 pm

1:20pm Junior Room Open

1:30pm Leave for the TBA Field Trip
Please leave any car seats or boosters that your kids need

4pm Return from Field Trip
Free Time

5pm Dinner Break - Pick-up your Juniors no later than 5:10 pm

6:50pm Junior Room Open
Games & movies until main session ends.
Bring blankets & pillows if wanted.
After the session please pick your child(ren) ASAP.

THURSDAY June 29th

8:45am Junior Room Open
Open Activities

12 noon Break for lunch - Pick your child(ren) up no later than 12:10 pm





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The Multiplying Factor

By Jennifer Moody

HALSEY — Generally speaking, Grace Glenn figures she's a pretty good math student. She might be a little behind right now, she said, but she's mostly on track. But her marks don't reflect what the sophomore describes as near-constant frustration with the individually-paced computer labs that have replaced traditional math classes at Central Linn High School.

Glenn turned her frustration into a persuasive essay for a writing class she's taking through Linn-Benton Community College, titled, "Technology should be used sparingly in math classes." In the paper — for which she received an A, she said — Glenn argued math taught on a computer gives students less interaction and can result in diminished performance.

That essay led her to write a letter to the superintendent and school board urging the math program be revamped. In turn, that letter led to changes in the math program that Glenn and her classmates will see as soon as this fall. "I was really shocked," said Glenn, who learned of the planned changes last Monday at a meeting of the Central Linn School Board. "I actually thought they were going to pooh-pooh my paper. I thought they would toss it."

Instead, Glenn said, Superintendent Brian Gardner invited her to be a part of a student panel to gather more input. At the same time, Gardner and Principal Jon Zwenke met with the math department to talk about options. Last Monday, Gardner told the board the plan this fall will be to add back some more sections of traditional math classes for high school students who work better in those conditions.

Glenn's letter wasn't the entire basis for the decision, but it did provide an opportunity to do some more thorough investigation, Gardner said. "Kids are asking for it, it looks like there's a definite need — we're going to try this," Gardner said.

When he joined the district in 2011, Gardner began working to move Central Linn away from a teacher-centered, seat-time model and instead toward individual learning and demonstrations of proficiency. The move was in line with both Oregon's shift to the more proficiency-based Common Core State Standards and to changes in

diploma requirements, which mandated at least three credits of math, Algebra I or higher.

Math teachers at the high school spent a full year breaking down each math standard, putting together individual study plans and assessments, and reorganizing their class schedules into open math labs. In 2014-15, they launched the new system.

Here's how it works right now: Central Linn's high school math teachers run an open lab in their three adjoining classrooms for students of all grade levels. Students use a laptop to work at their own pace on whichever proficiency standard they need to meet.

Once students feel they get the material and they've practiced enough, they take a test on that standard. Credit is awarded if they pass. If necessary, they go back and work some more, then take a new test that measures the same standard.

Pacing guides set the material at roughly a test per week, said Randy Smith, head of the math department, but not every student holds to that schedule. In fact, there are no firm deadlines, which is part of Glenn's frustration.

"We need structure in our world today," she wrote in her letter to the superintendent and board. "With so many things going on that are pressing on our students, such as sports and home lives, we need a system that holds our students accountable and the math program is lacking. "We need to bring back teacher instruction, regular assessing, and add in technology, slowly."

Math teachers agree there's room for improvement in the approach, and they're willing to take what teacher Michelle Mitchell-Foust dubbed a "necessary step sideways" to bring back some teacher-led classes. "We're bringing back a piece of it for those students who struggle with their own time management or responsibility," said Randy Smith, head of the math department.

Glenn has a valid argument, he added, quipping: "A lot of people like to be told what to do." That said, however, none of the three teachers want to see the proficiency-based, open-ended opportunity

Central Grange Gives Gary Force Memorial Money to Scholarship Fund

On Feb. 13th Central Grange #360, Lane County presented the Lane Pomona scholarship fund with a check for \$400 at the Pomona Prime Rib Dinner held at Dorena Grange. This represented the money given to Central Grange in memory of past Central and Lane Pomona Master, Gary Force who died on Christmas Day 2012. Brother Force had been a member of Central Grange since 1961 and was Oregon's Outstanding Young Granger in 1966. Each year Lane Pomona Grange gives a \$1,000 scholarship to any Lane Pomona Grange member or their child or grandchild who has at least one year of college completed.



Central Grange Secretary Jeannie Hartman (L) and Chaplain Shelly Guilford (R) presented Lane Pomona Master, Ken Schwieger with check for the Pomona Scholarship fund.

vanish. "It's a balance," Smith said. "In spite of the resistance, or reluctance, of some, we still feel students are more successful being independent than they were when they were in a timeline dictated by the teacher. Not all students learn at the same rate and not all come with the same set of skills."

Paul Rowton, who teaches developmental math classes at Linn-Benton Community College as well as math at Central Linn, said Central Linn's approach is much more in line with what both college and employers are seeking: self-directed learners who understand the process of a task and can use it to find creative solutions. "This is the direction everyone is starting to push, the whole problem-solving-led curriculum," he said.

Some data suggest the proficiency approach is working. Central Linn's high school scores on state assessment tests, while still below the state average, rose last year from the previous year (earlier tests used a different system and can't be compared). And some students say they love the open lab, said Mitchell-Foust. "I have never seen students so engaged with math in all my years," she said. "That's really cool."

But Glenn, and several parents who spoke at last Monday's board meeting, said some students simply don't learn well with computer-based instruction, or are able to motivate themselves to meet a nonexistent deadline. "I'd love to see hard deadlines, but it's not real realistic for some of the learning

progress that some kids are making," Smith said.

Also, deadlines didn't necessarily mean students learned, Gardner pointed out at Monday's meeting. It just meant they could scrape by. "The old system allowed a lot of kids to get through who weren't proficient," he said.

A hybrid system may not solve every problem, but Gardner and the math teachers said they're hoping it will work better for students who need it.

When classes resume in the fall, high school will offer six traditional class sections in all, which should serve 120 to 140 of the approximately 300 math students. The students in those classes will be chosen based on those the math department feels will benefit most.

It may turn out to be harder than some expect, Smith warned. Students who have been able to learn at their own pace now will be held to being on the same chapter of the same text as their classmates, whether or not they feel they're ready.

Still, Glenn said she plans to ask to be one of them. "I'm a very visual and audible learner," she said. And, she said, she thinks the district made the right call by keeping both approaches. "I think it's a great balance," she said.

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OSG Grange Workers Activities Director

Grange Workers Activities is the committee which promotes growth in the Grange by promoting activities and opportunities to connect with our Grange families and well as our own families. Grange for some is our second home where we learn how to cook, sew, craft, garden, decorate, organize events or learn a talent we didn't know we had. Encourage each member to share their skills and knowledge with others as this builds relationships and helps us to feel apart of the activities.

GWA members work hard to keep Grange halls and grounds in tip top shape so summer is a good time of year to enjoy the fruits of your labor. Plan some outside activities for members and nonmembers to enjoy that doesn't involve work but play.

An idea might be have a birthday party outside to celebrate the 150 years of National Grange. This also would be a good time to honor a Grange family.

State Grange Convention is fast approaching and I hope you are planning to attend. There is still time for you to look through the contest booklet and submit an item or two. I'm excited to see what you have made for this year's contests. If you have items for the contests and are not going to be able to come please have a representative from your Grange or your District GWA Chairman bring them. A copy of the entry form is on the OSG website or there is one **BELOW**. Please be sure to fill it out completely.

Enjoy your summer!!



London Grangers, June Kjelde (left) and Elaine Chapman (right) presented a quilt to the London School, Principal Bill Bechen (center).

London Grange Donates Quilt to Local School Scholarship Fund

On May 3rd London Grange #937 in Lane County presented a rooster quilt made by Grange members June Kjelde and Elaine Chapman to the London Elementary school in Cottage Grove. The quilt is being raffled off to help increase funds for the Alumni Scholarships. Former London Elementary School students who are current Cottage Grove High School Seniors will receive scholarships from these proceeds. All scholarships go directly to their college of choice.



Red, White, and Blue Sugar Cookie Pie

- 1 pouch (17.5oz. sugar cookie mix)
- 1 Egg
- 2 Tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 Cup M&M's red and blue mini chocolate candies
- 1/4 Cup red, white and blue candy sprinkles
- 2 Cups powdered sugar, sifted
- 1/2 Cup butter, softened
- 1 Teaspoon vanilla
- 2-3 Tablespoon milk

Cookie

- Heat oven 350F
- Spray 9 inch pie plate with cooking spray.
- In large bowl stir sugar cookie mix, 1/2 cup softened butter, egg and flour until soft dough forms.
- Stir in M&M's and candy sprinkles.
- Press into pie plate.
- Bake 20-25 minutes or until golden brown.
- Cool 30 minutes.

Frosting

- In medium bowl, beat powdered sugar, 1/2 cup softened butter, the vanilla and 2 tablespoons of the milk with electric mixer on medium speed about 3 minutes or until smooth and creamy.
- If needed, add remaining 1 tablespoon milk
- Place mixture in decorating bag fitted with star tip.
- Decorate sugar cookie pie as desired
- Cut into slices and serve.



Quincy Grange Holds Annual Dinner

May 9th Quincy Grange in Columbia County held their Annual Fried Chicken Dinner. This is their major fundraiser for the year. The tables were decorated with spring flowers planters. The Grange served 180 dinners over a three hour period. Diners included the Cowlitz County Model 'A' Club. This is the 42nd year for their Fried Chicken Dinner.

Contest
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Email
Phone
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If non-member, name of sponsor
Grange name
#
County



Above: Grange Secretary Barb Kallio, (in pink) who is their official chicken cooker along with Grange Master Ellen Nieminen are ready to serve.

Below: GWA & Lecturer's Departments Entry Form

Rockford Grange Holds Plant Sale

Rockford Grange, Hood River County, held their annual Plant Sale fundraiser on Blossom Sunday, a yearly event in the Hood River Valley to celebrate the beautiful orchards blossoms. Thirty-one member volunteers grew and sold nearly a thousand vegetable and perennial plants coordinating with the Westside Fire Department's pancake breakfast. Rockford gained several new members at this event and raised some money for the Grange.



R: Rockford's Jr. Granger Pavlik Jimenez Zavatsky helping Treasurer Deb Baxter at the plant sale .

Warner Grange Participates In "Words for Thirds"

On April 24th Warner Grange members Terry and Joan Mize, Jim Dale and Don Kingsborough delivered dictionaries to third graders at Caras Elementary School in Oregon City and Jason Lee Elementary in Canby. Both are in the Canby School district.



Don Kingsborough explained to each class about the dictionary and what the students will find in it, as well as a little about the Grange and community service. Then it was time to pass out the dictionaries.



Caras Elementary (top) and Jason Lee Elementary (bottom).

Oregon Junior Grangers

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The National Junior Grange Director has developed a 12 Month Meeting Guide to help Junior leaders plan their year. Each issue of the Bulletin we will be printing the next two months of suggestions to help with your planning. Each month's suggestions include badges to work on, a low-cost craft you could do, a suggested project or Grange related activity and many other ideas.

July

The month of July is surely a time to celebrate America's Birthday!

Badge: TUA 17 - Historical Figure Have each Junior come dressed to celebrate America in their favorite historical figure's costume (Abe Lincoln, George Washington, Susan B Anthony, etc) and bring a book about their character to share with the group!

Hands-on: Have a birthday party to celebrate America. Create a picture collage about famous people in American History.

Craft: <http://www.kinderart.com/seasons/candlejars.shtml> or other patriotic craft.

Grange: How has Grange been influential in American history? Collaborate as a group and discover ways the Grange has made a difference in your state or in your nation.

August

The month of August means it is time to get ready for school and it is time to build our thoughts and make our minds ready to learn!

Badge: TUA18 - Food for Thought Have each Junior bring a vegetable or fruit to share with one another. Have them discuss how each of their produce grow and what part of the country it may grow better in.

Hands-on: Share fruits and veggies, examine their texture, smell, size, etc.

Craft: Pop Art Ice Cream Paintings <http://www.kinderart.com/arthistory/poparticecream.shtml>

Grange: Growth, let us give some "food for thought" on growth. How can we grow our JounirGrange? How can we get our new friends at school interested in JR Grange? Practice the opening and closing procedures of the Grange.



2017 OSO Convention - Junior Session

ALL CHILDREN ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF PARENTS/GUARDIANS WHEN JUNIOR GRANGE IS NOT IN SESSION.

- It is requested that Juniors not bring electronic devices to the Junior Room at convention to minimize distractions. This includes phones and cameras.
- They also DO NOT need to have money with them as we will provide them with snacks/refreshments. If the Junior has a special dietary need let us know and we will accommodate.
- On Field Trip days it will be appropriate for them to have some spending cash as their guardian deems correct and proportional for the day's activities.

Ag Fest Coloring Sheet by Cat Thomas



Legislative Update

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Several bills in the 2017 Oregon Legislature have been of interest to the Grange including S.B. 181 which generated considerable activity. It would require all non-profits to file for property tax exemption every year, with stiff penalties for failure to file including loss of tax-free status for 5 years prior to the infraction, meaning an organization that did not file next year might be assessed property taxes for that year and for 5 years previous. The bill passed the Senate and was referred to the House Revenue committee. Several Grangers including District 4 Legislative Chairman Don Kingsborough and OSG Lobbyist Craig Loughridge emailed the

Revenue committee members, and Craig along with Ed Luttrell attended the bill's public hearing and offered testimony. Rep. Phil Barnhardt says he believes this bill would not impact Granges, only 501c3 charitable non-profits, but we're still concerned and will follow the issue.

Our Legislative conference at State Session will be on Thursday morning June 29 at 7:30am. Craig Loughridge, our new Lobbyist, will be the featured speaker. We will also discuss how to make your resolutions have impact, what happens to resolutions after State session but before Legislative session, and developing effective email networks.

The US Senate Should Pass Regulatory Reform

By Burton Eller, National Grange Legislative Director

The House of Representatives passed its own regulatory reform bill earlier this year. Now, a major bipartisan push is on to pass regulatory reform in the Senate, spearheaded by Senators Rob Portman (R-Ohio) and Heidi Heitkamp (D-N.D.) with their bill S. 951, The Regulatory Accountability Act of 2017. This measure would require a cost-benefit analysis of proposed regulations, invite early public participation on major rules and require federal agencies to disclose the information they rely upon.

It will promote transparency, accountability, and common sense in the regulatory process. Here's how:

- Federal agencies must balance costs and benefits when developing new rules or changing existing regulations.
- Agencies will still produce new rules but will do so in a more transparent manner.
- For the most expensive rules, agencies must consider a reasonable number of alternatives and choose the most cost-effective one unless there is a compelling reason otherwise.
- The Act is not expected to significantly impact the length of time for rulemaking. Agencies are already required to analyze costs and benefits, consider reasonable alternatives, and engage the public during rulemaking.
- Enactment of the legislation would ensure the current President and future administrations work under these overarching bipartisan practices that drive the regulatory process.
- The Regulatory Accountability Act will allow courts to make sure agencies follow the law regarding the law's procedural requirements.

Boring-Damascus Holds Town Hall



State Representatives Bill Kennemer and Janelle Bynum participated in a Town Hall meeting sponsored by Boring-Damascus Grange #260 in Clackamas County on May 3rd.

As expected the hot topic was SB 181 which had passed the Senate and was now in the House Committee on Revenue.



Governmental Affairs

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I have been very pleased to become your lobbyist this spring. My official title is Assistant Director for Governmental Affairs, largely owing to the multifaceted role I have been asked to play in helping develop processes to engage legislators, government agencies and Grange members. I look forward to working with everyone, especially fellow Grange members, on issues important to our Grange and our state.

The most timely way for us to stay in touch will be through our new email newsletter, **The Capitol Granger**. If you haven't yet received a copy, please email or call me so I can add you to the list to receive it as soon as it comes out. Archived copies will be on the Oregon State Grange website, www.orgrange.org/Legislative/.

By the time you read this bulletin, the fate of Senate Bill 181 may already have been sealed. Grangers from around Oregon answered the

call in May to oppose this bill. Some Grangers emailed. Some sent petitions. Others spoke personally with legislators. All were important in the effort to stall or stop what otherwise would unreasonably increase the paperwork burden on charities across Oregon and threaten their property tax exemptions.

A proponent of the bill in a May 9 hearing before the House Revenue Committee acknowledged that the plan might be broadened to include fraternal organizations like the Grange and other kinds of nonprofits. These organizations already face ever-increasing demands to fill community needs. Every new dollar they must spend in tax is one less dollar to spend on their charitable missions.

Please contact me if you'd like more information about this or other concerns. My email address is govaffairs@orgrange.org. My direct phone number is 503-349-6892.



On May 9th Ed Luttrell, Master of Clackamas County Pomona Grange (far right at table) and next to him Craig Loughridge, Assistant Director, Governmental Affairs for the Oregon State Grange testified in front of the Oregon House Committee on Revenue on behalf of Granges in Oregon in opposition to SB 181.

Grange Testifies Against SB 181

Grangers from around Oregon flooded the House Revenue Committee with petitions, emails and personal appearances to oppose Senate Bill 181A. The bill requires nonprofit charities to start filing annual returns in order to keep their property tax exemptions. A charity that failed to file, or that made a mistake on its return, would lose its exemption and have to pay five years' back taxes.

Rep. Bill Kennemer (Oregon City), who met with Grangers at Boring-Damascus Grange on May 3, told the revenue committee on Tuesday that the bill doesn't apply to the

Oregon State Grange, which gain their exemption from a different law than the one being amended by this bill.

Craig Loughridge, OSG Assistant Director for Governmental Affairs, told the committee that the Grange continues to have concerns, even if the bill exempts the Grange. He said "many Granges are registered as public benefit corporations, just as are the public charities this bill goes after."

Brother. Luttrell noted that the Oregon State Grange Foundation is a charity covered by the bill.

Kellogg Welcomes New Members



On April 5th Kellogg Grange #811 in Douglas County held the Welcoming Ceremony for new members Mark and Donna Deemer. Master King Phelps along with the help of the other members performed the Welcoming Ceremony to welcome them into the Grange. Congratulations Kellogg and welcome to the Deemers.



Pictured L-R: Springwater Master Tami Guttridge, Tim Guttridge, Chaplain Wilma Guttridge (Tim & Don's mom), AS Don Guttridge, Kara, Kendra & Nike Guttridge receiving the Welcoming Ceremony, and LAS Jesse Jo Guttridge.

Springwater Grange Adds a Family

On April 24th Springwater Grange #263 in Clackamas County welcomed the new members as a part of a family membership. Joining were Nike, Kara and Kendra Guttridge. Nike's husband and father of Kara and Kendra is Tim Guttridge, a life member of Springwater Grange, who started his Grange career as a Junior member. The family had been living out of state for many years and just recently returned to Oregon. Both girls are involved in FFA and Kara place 4th at this year's State FFA Public Speaking contest. Springwater Grange is pleased to add more of the Guttridge family to their Grange.

Canby City Council Proclaims Grange Month

Warner Grange #117 in Clackamas County, visited Canby City Council on April 5th. Tim Dale, son of Warner members Jim and Eileen Dale is Council President. Mayor Hodson read a proclamation proclaiming April 2017 as National Grange Month in Canby. He then presented the proclamation to Warner Master, Terry Mize.



L-R: Terry Mize, Joan Mize, Dale Hawkins, Eileen & Jim Dale and behind the camera Don Kingsborough with the Grange Month proclamation.



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OSG Membership Directors

Hello Grangers!

Looking forward to SEAing all of you at the Oregon State Grange Convention by the SEA in Florence, Oregon!

Our State Grange Membership Committee met to finalize plans for the State Grange. Here are a few of the highlights that will be happening.....

The Membership Luncheon will take place at noon on Monday with lasagna as the main dish. YUM!!

The theme for our luncheon is "Membership----A Sea of Possibilities." The four top Granges with the highest percentage gain will be recognized as well as other awards. Awesome doorprizes will again be given out along with the District Membership Baskets (which is a crowd favorite).

The Membership Conference will be on Wednesday morning from 7:30am to 8:30am. The topic being covered is: "How to Attract Youth/Young Adults Using Social Media". You don't want to miss this!! Great doorprizes will also be given out at the end of the conference. Plan to attend so you can take back new ideas to help GROW your Grange!!

The Membership Table will have some new shirts available to purchase. A grey polo shirt with pockets along with the Grange 150th Anniversary Infinity Design on them is one item. A new ladies v-neck tee with aprons to match are fun new items as well. Wearing Grange apparel as you are out in the public is a great conversation starter as well as an advertisement for the Grange. Remaining T-shirts and aprons from last session will also be available to purchase.

Our committee is looking forward to celebrating "GrangeUp '17 Engage. Connect. Celebrate" during the convention on Monday evening!!

We want to say a special thank you to every Granger and Grange that purchased the Grange Calendars. The money raised is divided between the Lecturer's Department and the Membership Committee. It was a very successful fundraiser! It will definitely help send our Oregon State Grange Talent Winner(s) to National Grange in November as well as help to cover the cost of printing the calendars. Thank you all again!!

SEA everyone Tsun!!! Get it??

Silverton Celebrates Grange Month

Silverton Grange #748, Marion County, celebrated Grange Month with a popular community event where participants learned about the Grange, membership increased and they furthered the mission of the Grange for community education and elevation.

Hundreds of local folks stopped by to swap seeds, get ideas for harvest preservation, learn about herbal bath and body care, pick up free local heirloom seed catalogs and free seed packets donated by the local food share organization, and receive gardening advice. The Grange's annual Seedy Saturday hosted Master Gardeners and Preservers, local farmers and orchardists for advice and plant starts, signups via the local

food share gleaning organization to connect people with local farmers' surplus field harvest, local brew club staffed by member/brewer Gus Frederick for fermenting tips, and member/herbalist Randi Embree for body healthy advice and products made from local herbs.

Kids got to take home their own planted sunflower seed to care for. The event also kicked off the Grange's opening of their 12-bed community garden to community neighbors seeking a little plot to sow and grow, learn gardening tips and work together for garden aesthetics and productivity using sustainable, water-conserving techniques. Collected canned food and funds at the event were donated to support the city area food pantry.



Silverton Grange's annual Seedy Saturday crowd.

Veterans

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Selective Service System

Recently I was contacted by Michael R. Kalberg Command Sergeant Major, USA (Ret.) State Selective Service Director with a request to assist in locating persons interested in volunteering to serve on local draft boards across the state of Oregon. After obtaining approval of the OSG Master I agreed to provide information via our OSG Bulletin about the need for volunteers. SSS volunteers are the people who review the eligibility status of citizens prior to military service.

Eligibility for local draft board service is straightforward: an applicant must be at least 18 years of age and be registered with the selective service, if required; reside in the county where the draft board has jurisdiction; be willing to devote sufficient time to board duties and to apply selective service laws/regulations fairly and uniformly. An applicant may not be an active or retired (receiving a pension) member of the armed services or the reserve components; and cannot work in a law enforcement occupation (police/judiciary). Service on a local draft involves a very modest time commitment-no required meetings and not more than eight hours each year to complete on-line training requirements.

Mr. Kalberg recently reviewed their board vacancy roster. The most critical vacancies are in Lane, Coos and Jackson counties. Lane County (4), Coos and Jackson Counties (2 each). Other county board vacancies include Multnomah (2), Hood River, Columbia, Tillamook, Washington (2), Polk, Benton, Linn, Marion, Curry, Josephine, Lake, Morrow, Sherman, Harney, Jefferson, Baker and Union.

Those interested in serving can go to the Selective Service System website, www.sss.gov. That site outlines what board service requires and includes an application form.

There is still much going on legislatively and we need to remain constantly vigilant. Remember an email to your legislator is what they prefer, but the good old snail mail or phone call still works, though sometimes timeliness is of the essence and the latter two are not as handy as an email.

This year the Veterans committee will be doing our part of the program at the State Grange Convention a little different. Instead of a conference we will have displays in various places around the building.

Hope to see many of you at state Convention in Florence.



Pictured above L-R: Redland Grange Musician Cora Lynn Congdon, Master Dick Wanker, Flora Annette Wanker, Commissioner Chairman Jim Bernard, Commissioner Sonya Fischer, Overseer Howard Miller, Treasurer Shirley Gilman, Clerk Mary Raethke, Secretary Gertrude Thompson and Commissioner Paul Savas.

Clackamas Co. Commissioners Declare April Grange Month

On March 30th six members of Redland Grange #796 decked out in their Grange shirts visited the Clackamas County Commissioners at their regular scheduled meeting. Upon presentation of the proclamation, Chairman Jim Bernard declared April 2017 as Grange Month.

2017
Keeping Oregon Warm
A part of the "Keeping the West Warm"
a project of the Grange Youth and Young Adults in the Western Region

The Oregon State Grange Youth and Young Adults are collecting stocking caps, mittens, gloves, scarves, socks, etc... both purchased and homemade for distribution to the less fortunate in District 2

Items are to be brought to the Oregon State Grange Convention in Florence June 24-29, where they will be displayed before being sorted for distribution.

For More information contact:
Connie Suing, State Youth & Young Adult Director
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UPCOMING POMONA GRANGE MEETINGS				
<i>Pomona Secretaries are to send in meeting information to the Bulletin Editor as soon as date, time, and location are determined and/or changed.</i>				
Pomona	Date	Time	Meeting Place	
Baker #24	August 12	10:30 AM	Elkhorn Grange	
Benton #36	July 15	10:30 AM	Marys River Grange	
Clackamas #1	July 22	9:30 AM	Frogpond Grange	
Columbia #18	August 5	10:00 AM	TBA	
Coos-Curry-West Coast #30		10:00 AM	TBA	
Deschutes #25	August 12	11:30 AM	Midland Grange	
Douglas #13	July 22	6:00 PM	Myrtle Creek Grange	
Jackson #27	July 8	10:00 AM	TBA	
Josephine #20	July 29	10:00 AM	Deer Creek Grange	
Lane #14	July 8	10:00 AM	Junction City Grange	
Lincoln #10	August 19	10:30 AM	Salmon River Grange	
Linn #12	July 8	10:00 AM	Morning Star Grange	
Marion #4	July 10	6:00 PM	Macleay Grange	
Polk #3	July 15	10:00 AM	Buell Grange	
Tillamook #9		10:00 AM	TBA	
Umatilla-Morrow #26	August 26	10:30 AM	Picnic-Boardman Marina	
Wallowa #22	July 8	10:00 AM	Liberty Grange	
Washington-Yamhill #2	July 22	10:00 AM	McMinnville Grange	

Riversdale Grange Organizes Grange Month Activity

Riversdale Grange #731 in Douglas County, in cooperation with Roseburg Coastal Farm and Ranch, sponsored a Grange Garden Zone event. The event on April 23, 2017, was held in conjunction with National Grange Month. Eight Riversdale members, including Junior 1+ members, assisted children planting plants to take home.



Riversdale Granger helps a young lady pot her plant.

The children participated in planting nearly 200 marigolds and tomatoes during the two hours of the Grange Garden Zone. The planting took place at the front entrance to the new Roseburg Coastal Farm and Ranch store. During the planting, Riversdale members were available to discuss local Grange activities and possible membership.

Kevin Gregory, the store manager, commented at the end of the day that

this was a "really positive activity and we need to make sure this happens again next year". Riversdale Grange is planning for an even larger crowd next year.

California Invites Grangers To Western Regional Leadership Conference

The California State Grange is inviting all Grangers to the 2017 Grange Western Regional Conference. The conference, for both Grange leaders and youth, will be held August 4-6 at the Knott's Berry Farm Hotel in Buena Park, CA. This year's conference theme is *"Sculpting Your Passion Into Action!!"*

Attendees will visit the Knott's Berry Farm Amusement park on Friday evening for fun, food, and fellowship.

Saturday will be a whirlwind of workshops including the National Grange Youth Team led by Charlene Espenshade, the National Grange Lecturer Chris Hamp, and leadership facilitators from the California State Grange to round out the program. Don't forget Grange Jeopardy, Public Speaking and Sign-A-Song Contests!!!

Sunday will continue the conference with time to get you on the road or in the air. This is an enthusiastic and interactive conference for all Grange leaders, members, Youth and Junior Grangers. New to the Grange? This is a good time to come and learn more!!

The registration fee of \$125 will include entry to the Amusement Park Friday evening - with surprise activities during the night!! Friday dinner will be on your own since there are so many things to choose from in the park. All meals on Saturday and a hearty buffet breakfast on Sunday are included.

Don't forget to order your Conference T-Shirt!!

A fillable Registration form is available on the OSG Website. www.orgrange.org/youth/.

Knott's Berry Farm is located just minutes away from Disneyland, a short distance to the Southern California beaches, the famous Santa Monica Pier, and of course, Hollywood. The event is sure to be fun, eventful, meaningful, and a possible vacation for your whole Grange family.

If you plan on registering for the Western Regional Grange Leaders Conference August 4-6, you will need to make your own room reservations at the Knott's Berry Farm Hotel.

Room rates:

- \$139.00 per night. P
- The hotel has indicated availability to extend the conference group rate for one to two extra days if you want to visit other California fun places. Ask the Hotel directly.
- Free Parking to registered guests
- Mention Western Regional Grange Conference to receive the rates.
- Reservations by Phone 8am - 8 pm Pacific 866-752-2444
- The block pricing will disappear after July 6, 2017

California State Grange is ready to show you a great time!!



Grange Youth & Young Adults



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OSG Youth Director



I hope you all are ready to enjoy the coast with me this month for our annual Oregon State Grange Convention. We will be meeting at the Florence Events Center and will have five days of Grange fellowship, some work, and a lot of fun.

I want to keep this article short as most of what I would say about Convention will be in the Schedule. There will probably be some additions or corrections, there always are, but we will figure them out together as they come.

I want every Youth to come to Convention with a happy and positive attitude, ready to help. Whether we are serving in a soup kitchen, sorting food for food pantry boxes, or helping a State officer during our business session, I want us to "Be Delighted" to assist anywhere and anyway we can.

We will also have the assorted workshops, early morning Officers practice, working at the Youth table, car wash, and selling more Goodie basket tickets.

Remember to bring your "Keeping the West Warm" items with you. We want to give a good amount to local shelters, who will appreciate the items and put them to good use.

If you haven't taken the six Degrees yet, they will be exemplified on Saturday (1st-4th Degrees) and Sunday (5th and 6th Degrees). Our Degrees are our roots and to have an understanding of them is to have a better understanding of the Grange. I'd like to see a lot of you in the audience, watching and learning more about our wonderful organization.

I hope some of you have considered entering some of the contests in our Awards, Contests and Scholarship booklet. They are fun, fairly easy and give you the opportunity to travel and meet new friends and promote the Grange.

I look forward to seeing you on June 24th.

Remember to ask a Youth to help. I know they would "Be Delighted".

2017 Western Regional Leadership Conference Registration									
HOST STATE / LOCATION					Location				
CALIFORNIA					Knott's Berry Farm, Buena Park, CA				
Section 1 - Registration									
1	First Name	Last Name	Room #	Registration Fee	1st Night	2nd Night	3rd Night	4th Night	5th Night
2	First Name	Last Name	Room #	Registration Fee	1st Night	2nd Night	3rd Night	4th Night	5th Night
3	First Name	Last Name	Room #	Registration Fee	1st Night	2nd Night	3rd Night	4th Night	5th Night
4	First Name	Last Name	Room #	Registration Fee	1st Night	2nd Night	3rd Night	4th Night	5th Night
RESPONSIBLE									
For any Youth/Juniors on this form, under the age of 18, please list the responsible adult who will be attending.									
Name:					Phone Number while at the conference:				
Living at:									
Section 2 - Registration Fees									
Registration includes all meals Saturday, breakfast on Sunday, and special entry to Knott's Berry Farm Friday night.									
Bring the corresponding number above, please note individual amounts.									
	Registration Fee (\$146 less CSG contribution of \$21 per person)								Total
	Dinner Saturday: Enter C for Knott's Berry Farm Fried Chicken								\$125.00
	Dinner or \$4.00 Salmon for each attendee								
	Conference T-Shirt: Size XS to L: \$20 / XL to 4X: \$25								
Note: Sizes XS / S / M / L / XL / 1X / 2X / 3X / 4X in the box - Shirts will be picked up at Registration. Enter size for each attendee.									
REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS: JULY 19, 2017									
REMIT TO: California State Grange					Section 2 TOTAL				
Lillian Booth, Secretary PO Box 1442, Paradise, CA 95967									
(916) 454-5805 or (530) 570-3597 Lbooth@CASStateGrange.org									
TRAVEL AND LODGING INFORMATION									
HOTEL: Knott's Berry Farm Hotel, 7675 Crescent Ave., Buena Park, CA 90620									
RESERVATIONS: Make reservations directly with the hotel at 866-752-2444 or 714-995-1111. Reference Group: "Western Regional Grange Conference" << Hotel Reservation deadline is Thursday July 6, 2017, for the Group rate.>> Cancellations must be made 72 hours in advance. If you want to stay extra days at the group rate, contact the hotel for accommodation.									
TRANSPORTATION: Airports: LAX or Orange County (John Wayne Airport) are the closest. Ground Transportation is available through Super Shuttle, approximately \$16.00 plus tip. Contact them at www.SuperShuttle.com.									
CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS									
Sculpting Your Passion Into Action!! is the theme in Sunny California!!! Be ready for a whirlwind of workshops, fellowship, and fun!! Grange tradition with innovation!! Lots of take-aways for you to use in your own Granges and States. Meet the National Grange Youth Team, National Grange Lecturer from WA, make new friends, and catch up with current friends. (At a side bonus: Disneyland is only 20 minutes away!!!). Plan your trip now and we will see you in California!!!									

OSG Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - January 21, 2017

The meeting was called to order by State Master Susan Noah at 9:10am. All present except for Secretary Sarah Kingsborough who was missing due to illness. Mark Noah took minutes for the meeting.

Prior meeting minutes October 30, 2016—approved as read.

It was noted that we received thank-you cards from Riley Reynolds for supporting his trip to National Grange; from Rock Wall Grange and Multnomah Grange for approving their grant applications; from Jessie Jo Guttridge for supporting her applications to be National Grange Youth Officer and John Trimble Experience applicant.

Financial Reports

Celia – Current Reports (for further review and discussion after lunch, see below)

Timeline for Audit

- Worthy Master reports they are working on posting to December, should be done by end of this month (Jan). Auditors can expect to start in March. A different staff member from the auditing firm will be in charge this time.
- Worthy Master has had more requests for info from trust fund Granges which adds to year-end accounting activity. Also, uncashed checks are becoming a larger problem for the OSG accounting division, especially Pomona Grange dues checks.

Scott Barker – Barker Wealth Advisors – Current Investment reports

- Scott was here at 10am as scheduled and provided quarterly report information as of 12/31/16, with Schwab analysis of expected financial picture for the coming year.
- OSG YTD portfolio return is 6.4%, based on our relatively conservative investment approach. We also earned approximately 3% dividend income in addition to the portfolio growth. Scott led the committee through a detailed examination of our investment portfolio.
- Worthy Master will schedule time for a presentation by Scott at the 2017 State Grange session in Florence.

Jan's reports

- Grange Loan update (receivables)
- Coburg West Point plans to pay off their loan in the next quarter. Other Granges who are late with loan payments will receive notices.
- Granges who are late with their dues payments were

reviewed—several are behind by more than one quarter.

- Contracts on sold properties were reviewed, all are current.
- National Grange will begin paying principal and interest on revised amortization schedule (term was extended by one year).
- Analysis of utility expenses shows some increases to City and for Garbage and Security services, but slight declines in energy expense for both PGE and NW Natural.
- Per resolution at 2016 OSG session, Insurance status for each Subordinate Grange has been collected and was analyzed. We have insurance company name, policy number and expiration date for all Granges. There are only 28 Granges who either have no insurance or did not send in the information required by the resolution.
- EC to look over Visa & Master Card bills. Don Sether reviewed the Worthy Master's credit card expense bills and found no problems.

Membership analysis

- Shows loss of 41 members from Q3 to Q4; also loss of one Grange over that period. There have been several consolidations in year 2016 but also several who became dormant.
- List of Granges with 17 or fewer members seems to be getting longer, and there are several under the legal limit of 13 and in danger of being closed. It is hoped that the new Membership Campaign will help these Granges especially, so that they can remain in Active status.
- Junior program showing gains
- Family membership has dropped, most likely due to children 'aging out' of their plan.

Unfinished Business

- Restraint of Title work – still need to cover the following counties: Baker, Clackamas, Crook, Jackson, Jefferson, Curry, Lake, Malheur, Josephine, Marion, Tillamook, Washington, Wheeler. The Worthy Master believes that one or two needed may need to be retyped, not sure of the problems with the other. All others have been filed and are on record.
- ✓ Worthy Master will work with attorney to develop talking points for Grangers to take to County Clerks and file appropriate documentation for these remaining counties.
- Work was finished on the

Willkenzie hall and check has been cut for payment. The final bill was \$13,506.46.

- Employee Handbook and Employee Evaluations
 - ✓ Sarah was unable to attend this meeting but reported that a computer failure destroyed any progress she had made on this project. Worthy Master will make sure we have something in place in time for our audit in April.
- National Grange selected the amortization that will extend the loan for one more year (see Jan's Loan Updates section, above)
- GrangeUp '17 is being rolled out tomorrow (January 22) at Irving. All the State Officers, Directors and District Chairs have been requested to be there to select their Granges to visit.
 - ✓ Worthy Master has emailed and notified directors and OSG officers. Weather issues will impact attendance to some degree, unfortunately.
 - ✓ Also at this meeting OSG officers will decide on a practice schedule.
- With the new budget year we are only paying for one State Deputy, Carol Everman. Derrell has agreed to help out for expense money, as has Malcolm Trupp; both will be recognized as Special State Deputies.

New Business

- North Howell Grange is in escrow. Hall has not been cleaned out, but the sale might close by end of this month. There are a few good chairs still at the hall, and there may also be other paraphernalia or regalia, possibly also dishes and etc. Worthy Master and Brother Don will check out the situation this week.
- Never received an answer on the listing of Franklin – what do we want to do? Ed St. Claire has had it for nearly 5 years, apparently the building is really deteriorating.
 - ✓ Listing expired in November '16, what is next step? Motion by Don to ask Buzi Nelson to look at the Franklin property and give us her opinion. Seconded by Roger. Additional discussion...the motion carried.
- Deer Creek Grange – Wants to partner with the Illinois Valley Fire Department to relocate their current Station #5 to the Deer Creek Grange Property. Nancy would have to draw up a lease. Members of Deer

Creek were planning on being here at 11:00 am but were unable to attend due to the weather.

- ✓ The committee reviewed documents provided some questions were raised about the well and septic and access. The EC moved to the Worthy Master's office and a conference call was made to Deer Creek. Their members participating in the conference call were Bill Waggoner, Master; Delaine Sherman, Sec; David Anderson, Overseer; Chris Sherman, Steward of Deer Creek and representing the Fire Dept.; Linda Silva, LAS; and Darlene Anderson, Treasurer.
- ✓ Original Fire Dept proposal included a suggestion of \$1000 per year payment from the fire dept, the Deer Creek group suggests that be \$1200 or \$100 per month, and there was no objection from Chris as the FD representative. Question about parking, it needs to be established that the fire dept. has sufficient space. Chris represents the FD and says they have been granted access to the property by the county, so they will not be using the Grange driveway or parking at all. Chris says FD will improve the well house and electric service to it and to the Grange, and upgrade the existing septic system to handle their use. He also says they would return the Grange to pre-existing state if the FD has to withdraw from the project. They are envisioning annual payments on Jan 31 of each year.
- ✓ WM states that OSG will have our attorney submit a lease document based on existing examples, for them to review and approve.
- ✓ WM asks about timeline, Chris says they would like to act asap, hoping to start construction as soon as weather permits. Worthy Master will talk to attorney and try to have initial paperwork for Deer Creek members to review, asap. FD intends to make a full year payment for 2017 when this agreement is approved. Jeff asks, if the Grange fails, what would FD expect? They would continue payment to OSG for duration of dormancy, then expect right of first refusal after that dormancy period.
- ✓ Worthy Master will call attorney Nancy Murray asap

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- √ Worthy Master will call attorney Nancy Murray asap to get this rolling but it will probably take a month or more... Chris seems OK with this, as does the rest of the Deer Creek Grange group.
 - √ After the conference call, Jeff moves to allow Illinois Valley RFD to lease a portion of the Deer Creek property as described in the IFRFD proposal. Don seconded the motion. The motion was approved. The Worthy Master will contact attorney Nancy Murray regarding the lease paperwork. Questions to resolve, are they digging a new septic or running their line to the existing septic? Also, will the electric improvements include a separate drop-line and meter for the FD?
 - Matching Grant information – One Grange has recommended that the State Grange consider a follow up Grant that targets membership development to those who have successfully completed the original Matching Grant. There was discussion about this idea, possible funding strategies, etc.
 - A loan of \$4,383 was made to Goshen. They would like to pay \$100/month as a minimum and if they can do more they will. Don moved to accept the proposed terms, \$100/month payments at 5% interest. Seconded by Jeff. Some additional discussion. The motion carried.
 - We need to discuss and develop a “Collections and Preservations Policy” for the Oregon State Grange, and find a volunteer to continue on with the scanning started by Ed Luttrell.
 - √ The committee reviewed the State Grange of Minnesota Collections Policy.
 - The Worthy Master suggests this should remain an agenda item for future EC meetings. There was discussion about what should be saved, where and how to save or store things, & whether there might be grant money available for such preservation projects. Grange materials in private possession ought to be properly labeled so non-members who encounter them will know what to do with them. Records ought to be digitized and stored in searchable format. We should have a policy for the distribution or dispersal of various items that are routinely encountered when a Grange goes dormant.
- Lunch Break**
- We returned to Financial
- Celia discussed balance sheets, current reports and individual fund accounts.
 - National wants their payments based on National Database. We will need extra help to get it completely caught up. Either volunteer or part-time help.
 - National Grange is asking for more data than we have collected in the past. Discussed ways of getting help and the cost. Don moved, Roger seconds, to authorize up to \$1500 for short-term paid help to get this data entered. Discussion followed. The motion was adopted.
 - Regarding the Moss Adams recommendation to add off site storage for data backup we have taken a first step and have purchased another disc drive. As soon as we make sure that the backup includes all pertinent programs and documents we will purchase a second and swap once a week.
 - Lobbyist – Received a letter from Deschutes Pomona urging us to appoint or hire a lobbyist for the Oregon State Grange as the earliest possible date. Executive Committee discussed varying strategies to accomplish this...there is no budget to hire a lobbyist, even if we had the funds we would not likely get much representation for what we used to pay. Best idea might be to find a volunteer or volunteers who will monitor the session activities and provide updates via the Legislative Director and local committees. Our former lobbyist Jim Welsh offered to meet with Leg Dir Mark Noah to discuss these issues and provide some input. Former lobbyist Ed Luttrell also offered support and advice. Perhaps our various District Directors could monitor, suggest issues and information that ought to be distributed, and initiate this through the OSG Leg Director or State Master.
 - State Master’s conference coming up in February. Worthy Master will be attending, also possibly the first gentleman. This one is in Connecticut, and most of the Western States want this to come to the West Coast.
 - Contract for Clatsop County Fairgrounds for 2018 State Session was presented for review.
 - This location is the choice of the District committee for 2018. It will be similar to Benton County Fairgrounds regarding amenities. Jeff moved that the District 3 2018 steering committee recommendation of Clatsop County Fairgrounds location for the 2018 session be approved. Seconded by Roger, and the motion carried.
 - Policy for virtual attendance at meetings. National Grange formally decided that State Granges should make their own policies regarding virtual attendance. There was extensive discussion and the consensus is that we need to develop such a policy asap. Don moved that we table this issue until our April meeting. Roger seconded the motion. The motion carried.
 - Request from Warren Grange for trust funds. Requesting \$2400; Don moved to accept the request, Jeff seconded, and the motion carried.
- Decisions made via email**
- Agreement to allow Springwater to withdraw \$4,200 from their trust funds for various projects and expenses.
 - Agreement to counter the \$50,000 Crowfoot offer with one of \$60,000.
 - Agreement to allow Fruitdale Grange to withdraw \$1,150 from their trust funds for work on their water system
 - Agreement to loan Goshen up to \$4,983 to pay Nancy Murrays bill. Bill turned out to be only \$4,383.00
 - Agreement to sell North Howell for the listing price of \$210,000.
 - Agreement to allow Keizer to withdraw \$862.45 from their trust fund for work on their shed and some clean up around the building.
 - Agreement to counter the \$20,000 Crowfoot offer with one of \$80,000 (prior to the \$50,000 offer) – counter was not accepted.
 - Agreement to allow Sandlake Grange to withdraw \$5,617 from their trust funds for a heat pump and some building repairs in the form of exterior wall replacement and roof maintenance.
 - Agreement to allow Keizer to withdraw funds from their trust fund in the amount of \$50.25 to pay for changing the locks on the building.
 - Motion by Jeff to affirm these decisions and include them in the minutes of this meeting. Seconded by Roger, and the motion carried.
- Grange Reports**
- **Chenowith** - The Worthy Master has the signed agreement back and just needs to get it notarized and sent in and that property should be off our hands.
 - **Crowfoot** – The last offer we countered went away, but Buzi thinks we may be getting another one.
 - **Fair Oaks** – Nothing is happening.
 - **Franklin** – discussed previously during this meeting
 - **Gold Hill** – Buzi seems to think that we may be getting an offer on this soon.
 - **Goshen** – discussed previously during this meeting. Also, some discussion regarding their problem evicting their renter/caretaker. They have only been there a couple months so eviction should not be complicated.
 - **Keizer** – They have not paid dues for three quarters and have been sent a letter
 - **Lookout Mountain/Terrebonne** – The former Lookout Mountain hall has been sold for \$50,000, netting \$45,595.50. The State Grange was sent a check for \$44,595.50, leaving the other \$1,000 for Terrebonne. They were informed by the State Master to close out their bank account and to send all of it on to Terrebonne including the \$1,000 from the sale of property.
 - **Milwaukie & Hillsboro** – Both Milwaukie and Hillsboro have paid up but the Worthy Master has not been able to schedule a meeting with either one. One was scheduled with Hillsboro but the weather got in the way and it was cancelled, to be rescheduled before the end of January.
 - **Mud Springs** – Buzi plans on contacting the people who were interested last year to see if they still have any interest. She reported just today that there was a break-in last night (1/21/17) involving some broken windows. The perpetrator was caught in the act. She’ll coordinate with local people to make sure broken windows are boarded up.
 - **North Howell** – discussed previously at this meeting
 - **Salmon River** – State Deputy Carol Everman reported they may be resolving their issues with members living on the property in RVs. They still have some issues regarding articles for sale accumulating in or around the building. They are working on resolving parking issues and marking the ‘no parking’ areas.
 - **Rickreall** – Carol continues reporting, there is a
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Ray Mallory (R) and Tony Tate (L) picked up food for the Jefferson Community Food Pantry.

Morning Star Grange Donates Food

On Wednesday March 29 Morning Star Grange #311, Linn county, distributed the 664.5 pounds of non-perishable food stuffs collected by Grange members between July 1 to December 31, 2016. It was divided among two food provider groups, two group care homes and two individuals. These included the VFW's Veterans Program, the Jefferson Community Food Pantry and group homes Sanders and Scheler Houses in Albany.

GWA Chairman Sandy Decker and Community Service Chairman Heather Decker assisted by Eric Dable, sorted, weighed, and arranged for the food stuffs to be distributed and/or picked up.



Glen and Linda Baker picked up several boxes of food for the VFW's Veterans Program.

Bellview Grange Opens Market

Bellview Grange #759, Jackson County, is hosting a community indoor & outdoor market on the first Saturday of the month now through November with a special Holiday Market in December.

This community service is designed to attract people to the south end of Ashland and to provide a place for yard sales as well as an opportunity for the sale and purchase of a large array of merchandise at affordable prices.



Friends, neighbors and tourists alike are invited to attend. Bellview Grange has adequate parking. Refreshments will be for sale along with room for 20+ vendors outside and 15 inside. Also inside the Grange is a back room that will be filled with donated items for sale to benefit the Bellview Grange's frequent offerings of free educational and entertainment events.



Vendor spaces are on a first come, first serve basis with set up the morning of at 7:30am. \$10 for a 10' x 10' space outside, or a 6' x 4' space inside. The market will open to the public at 9am. For more information please call 531-535-1854 or send an email to bvgrentals@gmail.com.

It's the Berries

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OSG Ex. Com. Minutes - continued

- continuation of the issue with the neighbor regarding easement for access. There was an offer of an agreement but weather caused cancellation of the Grange meeting
- Gresham**—Carol continues reporting, says they have been holding meetings but cancelled December and January due to weather. Because of the weather cancellations they are holding officer installation this month and Carol will be installing them. Their flea market tables compete with the Grange hall for available space.
- Jackson Pomona** – Not having meetings, say they cannot get enough people. Hearing similar reports from several other Pomona Granges around the state.
- Valley Falls**—Buzi has not had time to get down there to look over this property. Regarding possible reorganization, the Worthy Master spoke with one potential mentor but due to travel and weather problems this member could not commit to regular contact with a new Grange at Valley Falls. Without constant nurturing, prospects of success are low for a reorganized Grange where there is no existing Grange infrastructure and potential networking support.

Next Meeting April 1 at 9am.
 Adjournment 3:47pm
 Mark Noah, Secretary Pro-Tem

Your Name: _____ **Moving? Let Us Know.**
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