

### April is Grange Month

# Oregon State Grange BULLET

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**News About the Grange** 

## Proclamatio



WHEREAS, The Grange strengthens individuals, families and communities through grassroots action, service, education, advocacy and agriculture awareness; and

WHEREAS, The Grange has played a major role in the development of rural America and passage of important legislation during three centuries; and

WHEREAS, The Grange continues today to be an active force in thousands of neighborhoods across the country, cultivating connections between people, communities, and organizations even in times of social distancing and guarantine; and

WHEREAS, The Grange provides leadership, motivation, and education to bring together rural and urban families and offers them opportunities for personal growth and individual

WHEREAS, The Grange emphasizes civic responsibility and the involvement of people in the legislative process, cultivating connections between citizens and their government; and

WHEREAS, The Grange offers opportunities for civil discussions among people of all viewpoints and opinions, serving as a safe haven for exploring important social and legislative issues of the day; and

WHEREAS. The Grange promotes service to the local community and volunteerism to improve the quality of life and economic well-being of its members and fellow residents; and

WHEREAS, Grange members everywhere wish to celebrate and express their pride in the legacy of their highly respected organization;

THEREFORE, I Betsy E. Huber, President of the National Grange, do hereby proclaim April 2021 as Grange Month, and further, I do encourage the participation of each Junior, Community, Pomona, and State Grange in this celebration of Grange past and future by planning and executing programs and activities that will highlight the Grange in every American community.

PRESIDENT National Grange

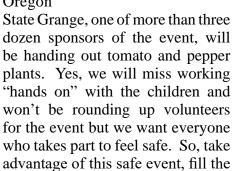
#### AG Fest 2021 New **Drive Thru Location** Same **Family** Fun!

The 2021 version of the Oregon Ag Fest will be held April 23–25 at the Clackamas County Event Center in Canby from 11am-5pm daily.

Plan to attend the Drive Thru Ag Fest to experience the incredible world of Oregon agriculture, in a fun-filled, drive thru environment, and leave the event with an "Ag-venture" kit filled with activities, seedlings and more to continue the fun at home, the three-day event, aimed to help families better understand where their food, fiber and flora come from, is a unique learning experience, where drive by exhibits make learning about Oregon's vast agricultural industry educational and entertaining.

Ag Fest strives to bridge the gap between urban and rural life, and to share the wonder and abundance of Oregon's bountiful and diverse harvest. Most importantly, this year's event is being done in a safe drive thru manner.

As usual the Oregon

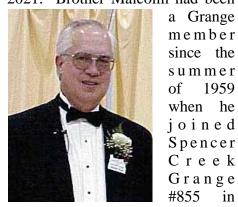


car with family and plan to attend.

You can buy your tickets in advance and pick the time and day you would like to attend your "Ag-venture" to start! Cost is \$22 per vehicle (not per person) and discounted tickets can be pre-purchased at your local Wilco Farm Store. While buying your tickets ahead of time is recommended, cash and credit cards are accepted at the gate. Due to the pandemic, this year's Ag Fest is a drive-through only event. For the safety of all involved, please fol-Continue on page 6

### **Oregon State Grange Foundation President Passes Away**

OSG Foundation at the time of his to the Foundation board in 2013 death, passed away on February 1, and served as Foundation President 2021. Brother Malcolm had been from 2014-2021.



since the summer 1959 when he joined Spencer CreekGrange #855 in

Malcolm Trupp, President of the Lane County. He was first elected

member Previous to his time on the Foundation, Brother Malcolm was the OSG Assistant Steward from 1996-2004 and served on the OSG Executive Committee from 2008-2016. He and his wife Cookie have been members of the OSG GROW Club since serving as the 1978 OSG Young Couple. They represented Oregon at the National Convention

that fall in Denver, Colorado.

Malcolm Thomas Trupp was born June 24, 1945 at Sacred Heart Hospital in Eugene, Oregon and passed away due to Acute Leukemia on February 1, 2021 at his home surrounded by his family and much

Malcolm grew up outside of Eugene on property his ancestors settled and eventually would move back there to raise his own family. Continue on page 4

Oregon State Grange **Annual Convention** 

June 19-24 Wallowa County Fairgrounds Enterprise, Oregon

Deadline for Community/ Subordinate Granges to submit resolutions is April 20

"Get Your Kicks in District 6"



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### The President's Column

Susan Noah master@orgrange.org President - Oregon State Grange

For being in a locked down world this has certainly been a busy first quarter. As some of you may know Randi Embree, who took over for Jan last summer, contracted Covid just after the first of the year and has been working her way back to health since then. Randi is doing much better, we are very happy to say, but still on the mend, so we have been a little shorthanded here in the office. I do want to give a large thank you to Teresa Cernac for volunteering her time to help us out!

#### **Grange Month**

It's hard to believe that April is here, and that means Grange Month! Has your Grange made some plans to celebrate? Seems like just getting back into our halls and seeing our friends and family in person is a cause for a celebration. Announce to the community that your Grange is still here and doing well. It may not be the time for a full-on party, but let some light and life back into the hall. Start connecting with members, with friends and neighbors and get ready for a larger celebration as we open up more fully. Get your "Garden" on and spruce up the Grange grounds. Even if it is too soon for large community events, driving by a well-kept hall with spring flowers will bring a smile to anyone.

#### **State Convention**

April also means that State Session will be just around the corner. I know we will still have some restrictions by June, but we are planning on a more normal State Convention this year, including the Fifth and Sixth Degrees. the memorial service and meals on Our hosts in District #6 are getting ready to welcome the State

Grange to Enterprise in Wallowa County! If you have not attended a State Convention, Wallowa County would be a beautiful place to start.

We do plan on keeping the committee meetings prior to the session, via Zoom, and we will probably have a Zoom presence for off-site delegates at least for one more year due to concerns over Covid. But if you are able, consider attending in person to have the entire experience. I am certainly looking forward to seeing our members in person, and to be able to have a face-to-face conversation. Zoom has been a good substitute, but nothing can take the place of seeing friends and family in person. We may not be able to hug, but just being together will improve our spirits!

We will be meeting from June 19th through the 24th. The Ag Tour will be back this year, on Saturday the 19th and then that night the kick-off banquet and talent show. The official opening will be Sunday the 20th and followed by the fifth and sixth degrees that evening. Policy work will start as early as Sunday and will progress throughout the rest of the week, interspersed with work by our Youth and Junior Departments, the memorial service, trade show and benefits breakfast. Elsewhere in the paper there is a tentative schedule for each day.

#### **Resolution Deadline**

I know you will be reminded of this by the Legislative Director as well, but please remember that our deadline for Resolutions has been changed to 60 days prior to the session, with exceptions for Pomona Grange meetings that take place after the deadline.

This means the resolutions from your Community Grange need to be at the office by 5:00 on April 20th.

#### Change

I was looking back at last year's February column, before the pandemic started and one paragraph reminded me of how quickly things can change. The message was about looking forward and reminding ourselves that we should always be looking forward, not toward the past. As I said then, we should be reminded of our wonderful history, but we should not be living in it. One sentence stands out "If we think that the only way to accomplish our goals is by doing the same thing year after year whether it works or not, we have not been paying attention to those lessons taught us in the ritualistic work." A worldwide pandemic in 2020 and now 2021 has forced us to acknowledge that change happens whether we want it or not and whether we are prepared for it or not. Our challenge is how we react to those changes. Did your Grange work out creative solutions to help vour members and the community? I have heard from Granges around the state who did just that. Drive by dinners and breakfasts kept our friends and neighbors coming to the Grange. Virtual talent shows, auctions and lecturers kept us all engaged and connected.

In February of 2020 I suggested looking forward and trying new things, but I didn't know that I was predicting the future. A future where "trying new things" was the norm. I'm proud of our members for stepping up and looking forward, for remembering the Installing Officers' charge to the Master in the Installation. "Encourage improvement, remember that Nature's motto is onward; She never goes backward." We took up the challenge and we did build on past efforts, but we did it by looking forward, by embracing the change that was given to us and by remembering our lessons and our values.

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### **Bailey Barks** RIP Bailey 6/3/09 – 2/24/21



Bailey crossed the Rainbow bridge February 24th. Mark and I were lucky to be enslaved

to her for nearly 12 years and miss her deeply, but the thoracic problem that caused the operation back in November came back and this time we knew we had to let her go.

I know that for her last column she would want to remind everyone to hold family close, whether its your human family, your Grange family or your furry family we all need each other now more than ever.

Susan

From the August 2014 Bailey Barks "I had a great time at the Dogs for the Deaf Dog Walk. You might notice I had the pleasure of spending a little quality time with Miss Oregon, Allison Cook. The dog walk theme was "Super Hear-O Dogs, so I went as a "Super Princess", complete with a bling encrusted cape! She had her crown, I had my cape, and I think we both looked very regal."



# 2020 Report of the National Grange Diversity Task Force

The Diversity Task Force was established by the National Grange President, Betsy Huber, to study our ritual, rules, and customs to make sure we are not unintentionally showing any signs of prejudice or discrimination in the Grange. The Diversity Task Force was comprised of the following members, F. Philip Prelli, National Grange Vice President as the Chairperson, and the following active members, Sharon Croucher NY, Edgar Hicks NE, Raymond Hayes NC, Jini Reynolds CA, Robert Beamon PA, Rick Grotton ME, Edna Mae Guerra TX, and Yeseña Rangel TX.

The history of the Grange has always shown our strong support for major social issues with an open policy of membership. This is a very appropriate time for the National Grange to undertake this action; not only because of the social unrest and tension in our country but as it is the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment to our Country's Constitution, granting women the right to vote. From the beginning of our organization, women were equal members with the right to vote at our meetings and we worked tirelessly to help in the passage of the amendment. We should now be just as vigilant in ensuring that we investigate and eliminate any barriers that could imply or show any signs of prejudice or discrimination in our organization.

The task force held several virtual meetings. The members reviewed the manuals of our order from the Junior thru the Seventh Degree as well as the promotional and instructional materials provided by the National Grange for membership both in the Subordinate/ Community and Junior levels. Lengthy and lively discussions were held on many points. The task force members understand that the authority to make changes to our manuals and bylaws of our order belong with the delegate body of the National Grange and in some instances also with the Assembly of Demeter but offer the following findings and recommendations.

#### **Findings**

The major and most discussed barrier over several meetings were the titles of Master and Overseer. The group felt that even though these titles can be explained as their relationship to the English Farm on which they are based, the first impression is to their use on plantations during the slave era. It was also pointed out that these generate negative connotations in both the Hispanic and Native American cultures. This not only had an effect on the Subordinate/ Community membership level but also at the Junior level. With the changing

generations this could continue to grow as a barrier. The use of the title Master also has a negative effect on certain Christian sects as they feel "they only serve one Master." First impressions are important, especially when promoting our organization and asking people to join. We must remember as we have been told many times in membership seminars, "You only have one chance to make a first impression." To a lesser degree, the titles of the Stewards and Gatekeeper were also discussed.

Barriers can be characterized several ways and we must consider how others will perceive the concepts and ideas being presented. area discussed was the lack of diversity in the stock photos used in many of our promotional materials. It was also pointed out in some of the promotional material, that the sentence "Traditional family values are promoted and woven into Grange activities and events," though understood by our members, could act as a barrier to some individuals. The intent is to instill family values in our programs, but many will not get past the concept of only accepting "traditional" families.

In the review of the manuals and aspects of our meeting, the task force felt strongly that our ritual was the basis of our organization and did not create any major barriers. That being said, some concerns were raised about the use of Brother and Sister and the effect that may have on some people in the LGBTQ community, the Draping of the Charter Ceremony being Christian only, the idea of only a bible on the altar, and the use of some Christian Hymns in the Seventh Degree.

#### Recommendations

Resolutions were adopted during the 2002, 2003, and 2004 National Grange sessions for the use of alternate titles for several Officers including President for Master, Vice President for Overseer, Board of Directors for Executive Committee, Program Director for Lecturer, and Greeter for Gatekeeper. Also included in those resolutions was the use of Community Grange for Subordinate Grange. We see the need for taking this to a higher level and making these the primary titles in all of our communications, social media sites, press releases, as well as use in our meetings. Many of us remember the title change from Juvenile Grange to Junior Grange and how many people thought that would destroy that part of our Order. It did not happen, and they are still alive so many years later. Now is the time to take the next step in our Order and address the titles. Does this need to be addressed in our ritual as well? As mentioned

### The Lecturer's Column

Cookie Trupp truppcookie@aol.com Lecturer - Oregon State Grange



Leadership is a Group Collaboration – The following information is from the book Spirit of the Grange and could be used as a Lecturer's Program Talk.

Leaders grow from tiny seeds just like plants. They sprout and grow into a beautiful full flowering of their true nature. They share the garden, leaving space for the other flowers to grow also, and do not take over the flowerbed with their specialness, big size and bright colors. They make sure that new seeds are always being sown for another crop of flowers to follow. In Hope - we seed our Grange Leadership garden with many kinds of flowers; the many different members who want to make something of their Grange. In Faith – we tend them with Love, We allow them each to grow, according to their Character. We water and cultivate with Charity, Generosity, & Gratitude.

We will be rewarded with a Garden of many flowers – many different flowers, many Leaders each with Strength of character ... many colors in Unity and Fidelity ... not merely one huge flower that shadows the place, and offers neither grace nor longevity. We will enjoy



above, we strongly support our ritual and leave this suggestion up to the Delegate Body.

When producing promotional and instructional material about our Order we should use more diverse photos, whether actual or stock prints. This is especially true in those materials focused on membership of Youth and Juniors. Society has changed with more single parent families, children being raised by grandparents and other family members, adoptive parents, and same sex families. These are all a part of and welcomed in our Granges now. When referring to our values, emphasize that they are "Family Values" that include all our families.

When a problem or question arises about referring to a member as Brother or Sister, rather than causing hard feelings, common sense should be used. The presiding officer should speak with the member prior to a meeting and perhaps use the title Patron or their name to avoid an embarrassing moment.

Not all of our current members are Christians. The Draping of the Charter Ceremony should be modified to allow for a poem or some a vision of beauty, together.

We want to develop every member of the Grange as a Leader in some capacity...each then becoming available to rotation of leadership in turn. Involve all participants in the opportunity to share and guide the process of our work. This results in a circle of equals sharing companionship in a sustainable manner.

Rotating leadership offers rewards of new ideas, methods & style that revitalize any group & helps keep away stagnation or imbalances of power.

A wise person once said...Be deci-

sive. Right or wrong, make a decision. The road of life is paved with flat squirrels who couldn't make a decision.



Spirit of the Grange - 150th Heritage Year Celebration Edition: The Wisdom of Demeter by author Ann Waters is available through the Grange Store by Monroe Classic, Inc. www.promoplace.com/grange/books



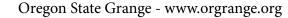
appropriate verse for the past member's religion to be used in lieu of The Lord's Prayer if that past member was not of the Christian Faith.

#### **Closing**

Many of our recommendations may be construed as radical, unnecessary, or going too far by some of our members. We understand that, but as stated above, it has been done before and we must look to the future of our organization. The task force understands that some of these changes would need approval at National Grange by delegate action. Because we are a Grassroot Organization, this would require resolutions adopted at a Community Grange and State Grange and being presented at National Grange. We ask that this report be distributed to the National Grange Officers as well as the State Presidents.

Our thanks to National President Huber for showing her trust in us and giving us the opportunity and honor to serve on the task force.

Respectfully Submitted, F. Philip Prelli, Sharon Croucher, Edgar Hicks, Raymond Hayes, Jini Reynolds, Robert Beamon, Rick Grotton, Edna Mae Guerra and Yeseña Rangel





### The Chaplain's Corner

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Hello Grangers,

My family and I are on the mend from a rough case of COVID that consumed our entire January followed by the ice storm that left us "powerless" (and waterless!) for two weeks in February. We don't even joke about "what's next" anymore.

I've recently read something that I believe we might see through the lens as Grangers as well as we might as church goers.

One of the things I treasure about Grange is the opportunity to discuss issues with Sisters and Brothers who have a broad range of opinions on EVERYTHING. I love that what comes out of our discussions is better understanding, if not agreement.

This piece is from Father Richard Rohr who shared this on his Facebook page.

"Brian McLaren and Jacqui Lewis, my conversation partners in the recent podcast series, Learning How to See, understand that Jesus' model of acceptance, inclusion, and love for "the other," helps us overcome and heal our biases. Brian describes what he calls "contact bias," when a lack of personal and ongoing contact with people who are different from us causes us to fail to see them for who they truly are:

When I don't have intense and sustained personal contact with "the other," my prejudices and false assumptions go unchallenged. Think of the child who is told by people he trusts that people of another race, religion, culture, sexual orientation, or class are dirty and dangerous.

You can immediately see the self-reinforcing cycle: those people are dirty or dangerous, so I will distrust and avoid them, which means I will never have sustained and respectful interactive contact with them, which means I will never discover that they are actually wonderful people to be around...

In this way, the prejudice cycle spins on, unchallenged across generations. As prejudice persists, it becomes embedded in cultures and institutions, creating systems of racism and hatred, marginalizing groups who are stigmatized, dehumanized, scapegoated, exploited, oppressed, or even killed...

But if we are willing to listen to ["the other"] and learn from them, we can break out of our contact bias, which opens us up to seeing in a new way...

On page after page of the gospels, Jesus doesn't dominate the other, avoid the other, colonize the other, intimidate the other, demonize the other, or marginalize the other. Instead, he incarnates into the other, joins the other in solidarity, protects the other, listens to the other, serves the other, and even lays down his life for the other.

Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis, who leads what she describes as a "multi-everything" congregation in New York City, shares the gifts that embracing the other can bring. She views inclusion as central to the Gospel call

We are in good company when we lead the way on radical inclusion of those different from ourselves. In some contexts that might mean a black church reaching out to Korean neighbors, a Latino congregation starting a ministry to immigrant families from North Africa, or a Chinese church hosting an afterschool program for African American junior high students... We believe the commitment to inclusion and diversity is a high calling, issued to all who count themselves as Christians, no matter what our ethnicity or culture.

The more we bump into the folks who are so-called "other," the more we are stretched, the more we are pulled out of that bias and have new truths because we have tangible evidence of the beautiful, powerful creativity of our God who made all of this diversity for us to enjoy. "

Stay well!

### In Memoriam

Dolores Holzinger Mosier #234

Jerry Moffett Long Tom #866

Gerald Anderson Beaver Valley #306

Cathy Cameron Barlow Gate #157

Raymond Johnson Barlow Gate #157

June Halley

New Bridge #789

Raymond Ludwig Salmon River #516

Jim Nice Buell #637

Sue Westbrook *Azalea #786* 

Gerald (Jerry) George Molalla #310

Malcolm Trupp Spencer Creek #855

> Juanita Shearer Yankton #301

Waldo Smith Lacomb #907

Frances Rogers Ramsey Park #352



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.

### Foundation President Continued from page 1

As a toddler, he met his future wife Malcolm is survived by his wife and lifelong companion LaMora (Cookie) Stayner. They grew up together, were high school sweethearts, and married during Malcolm's college years at Oregon State University where he obtained a BS in Electrical Engineering. After a short time in California where their son Douglas was born, they moved back to Eugene and welcomed their daughter Michelle. Malcolm retired from EWEB after 33 years and spent his retirement volunteering and working on his farm.

A man of strong faith, Malcolm was a lifelong member of The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and Spencer Creek Grange.

Cookie, children Douglas and Michelle, granddaughter Courtney, all members of Spencer Creek Grange and grandson Casey, along with brothers Lynn (Sauvies Island Grange) and James.

A celebration of life will be held at The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in late spring during which family and friends are invited to come celebrate his life.

Donations in Malcolm's memorymay be made to:

The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 85780 McBeth Rd Eugene, OR 97405

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### **Doris Wallin Past OSG Deputy**

Doris Irene Wallin, a life member of Warren Grange #536, Columbia County, passed away at home December 26, 2020, at age 99. Sister Doris was an active Grange member for almost 50 years, having joined Warren in the spring of 1971.

She opened her own Grange Mutual Insurance Agency in 1980 and provided insurance to her Grange community until 1991. Then in 1994 she was tapped by State President Dale Morris to serve a two-year term as Oregon State Grange Deputy.

Sister Doris was born December 10, 1921, in Kelso, Washington, to Iva and Robert Bush and began life in a houseboat on the Columbia River. While her roots were in the Pacific

Northwest, Doris's free spirit took her on a road trip to Nome, Alaska, to pan for gold with her husband and as far south as Ecuador to visit a daughter in the Peace Corps.

In addition to Grange, Doris's volunteer activities were many. She served on the Columbia Education Service District board and with the Blue Angels of St. Helens Hospital.

She is survived by daughters, Pat Kinnee, of Charleston, Oregon, Amanda Adams, of Tacoma, Washington, and Mary Young, of St. Helens; sons, Craig Wallin, of Rainier, and Gary Wallin, of St. Helens; grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and great-great-grandchildren.



Cookie and Malcolm dancing at the 1999 State Grange Convention.





Above: Arnold Schaffer (r), a member of Siletz Valley Grange and the United States Army served from 1968 to 1971 in Vietnam.

### Vietnam Vets Honored with Quilts

The Siletz Valley Grange #558, Lincoln County, has begun sponsoring a "Veterans Quilting Group" that meets once a month at the Grange hall. This group of ten ladies is part of the Oregon Coastal Quilters Guild which has roughly 200 members. This project started about three years ago and these ladies have made nearly 200 quilts and presented them to Lincoln County Veterans. Once a month the ladies gather at the Grange hall and spend

Right - Tony Molina, a member of Siletz Valley Grange andthe United States Army served from 1966 to 1969 in Vietnam.



Above: Sunnyside Grange member, Tove Larsen donating blood.

the day spread out over all of the tables quilting these Veterans Quilts. This is a true gift of love and thanks to our Veterans. Recently Grange members Arnold Schaffer and Tony Molina, received their quilts. As sponsors the Grange waives the hall use fees, electricity and water.



#### **Sunnyside Hosts Blood Drive**

Sunnyside Grange #842, Clackamas County, hosted a Red Cross Blood Drive on Saturday, February 27. Thirty-one donors showed up to give blood. Several members helped to keep the hall clean and safe during the Blood Drive as well as conversing with the medical team and donors.

There is a critical need for blood. Check with the Oregon Chapter of the American Red Cross for a donation location near you or for information on your Grange hosting a blood drive.

Left to right: These Sunnyside members helped to keep the hall clean and safe during the Blood Drive. Sandi Ludi, Tove Larsen, Doug Anderson and Jeanie Force.





### **Community Service Involvement**

Elizabeth "Liz" Dehne dehneej@msn.com OSG Community Service/Involvement Director



Brothers. After this past year we are all looking forward to Spring Flowers and more sunshine in addition to getting on with meeting face to face with family and friends. We want to thank all the Granges that have sent in the Community Service Report and greatly appreciate the time and talent that you all have been able to give to your communities even during tough times. That is what Grangers do. Please continue reaching out and helping.

At this time, it looks like we will be able to meet in person in Enterprise in June for our State Convention. As you plan ahead for the week take the time to put together your Community Service Book. This is a great way to display all your efforts and provide a document for your future Grangers to review and be inspired to continue the great work of the Grange.

April is Grange Month. Hopefully you have planned and will carry out a service project for the community that will display what it means to be a Granger. There are many options: food drive, road cleanup, clothing drive, etc.

If you have any questions about Community Service contact your District Chair or me. We are here to help.

Happy Spring to all my Sisters and NOTE from the National Grange Community Director:

> Since Grange month and spring both occur in April, I feel it is appropriate that we look at some community service ideas that can be refreshed or would be new to your Grange. If your Grange is in an area where the weather permits you can hold an outdoor event for the community. People are looking for activities that are in a safe environment and still socially distanced.

- Seed or seedling swaps: these are a great way to share extra seeds or seedlings you may have either left over from last year or from what you started this year. Several Granges throughout the nation do this.
- Easter egg hunt
- Story time for children (story telling or reading a book)
- Open mic night for the commu-
- Holding informational meetings/programs that are relevant to your community.
- Organize and host a community wide picnic utilizing locally grown produce or products.
- Start a Farmers market where local producers can sell their products. (This is a great way to introduce the local consumer to the producer which consumers are wanting, also is a great way to support local economy).



*L-r: Food Pantry* Helper Terry Santoyo, Grange Community Service Chairman Jody Grange Parker, Co-Chairman: Sonja Neal, Food Pantry Coordinator: Connie Lambert and Food Pantry Helper Dennis **Phillips** 

along with Grange Secretary Robert Richardson (behind the camera) loaded the van with the donated foodstuffs.

#### Grange Morning Star #311 Local **Supports** Food **Pantry**

Morning Star Grange #311, Linn Parker and GWA Co-Chair Sonja L. County, met at their hall on January 15 to sort and weigh the non-perishable foodstuffs the Grange had collected in the Grange food bank from July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. Canned goods weighed in at 337.4 pounds and dry goods weighed in at 113 pounds for a total of 450.4 pounds of non-pertshable foodstuffs.

Working on the sorting were Community Service Chair: Jody L. Neal.

That afternoon Connie Tamhert from the Jefferson Food Pantry arrived with two helpers to accept the food for their pantry

The members of Morning Star Grange are now collecting non-perishable foodstuffs for the January 1 through June 30 time period. Recipient will be chosen at the July 2021 meeting.





### The Agricultural Report

June Colony ~ grassjune@hotmail.com Jay Sexton ~ hexagon@exchangenet.net Agriculture Co-Directors - Oregon State Grange

I have been thinking about a quote attributed to the singer/songwriter John Denver. While expressing his love of music, he shared a memory of his grandmother playing the fiddle for an ole-timey dance. Reflecting on her influence, he said; "We learn in the presence of generations."

My first gardening experience was putting seed into a very short row in my grandpa's garden. I still feel the warm dirt on my hand as I patted the seeds into the soil. I then watched grandpa sprinkle my planted seeds with a watering can. The Generations.

My mother loved her flower garden, especially the varieties of Iris she had planted. That led her to start a small plant nursery devoted to the iris plant. I later started my own native plant nursery...carrying on her teachings my own way. Again, the *Generations*.

When I was a young woman, I watched an older Peruvian man herd sheep across the canyon benches. His love for the animals drew me in, and under the guidance of a Basque man, and of a son of a local pioneering family...I learned to be a sheepherder. A small livestock operator. A grasslands' manager. I was in my 20's and my teachers could have been my grandfathers. Again, the *Generations*.

A few years later, an 80-year-old local man hired me to help him in his onion patch. He taught me to grow, dig, clean and market thousands of onions to local stores and individuals. Years later I am growing, digging, cleaning and then selling hundreds of pounds of veggies at local marketing opportunities. Again, the *Generations*.

Now, at 68 years of age, I am being approached by young adults. "Teach me to lamb out a flock of sheep...Teach me to grow and sell produce," they say.

And I look at the urgency of passing on the skills of farming...and I see others near my age, who have the farming/gardening/livestock management skills so sought by our young adults...youth who are looking for something to be passionate about...to learn farming as an art...a skill.

Passed down through generations. "We still learn in the presence of **generations**" thinks I.

So, early in March I spoke with our national President, Betsy Huber. I shared my ideas about how the Granges across our country could become an agent of such a passage of skills.

She understood the idea of a new kind of apprenticeship program for farmers. A national Grange program where Communityt Granges coordinate local Farmer/Apprentice match-ups.

Offering an opportunity for generational knowledge transfer - with the homey addition of regular Grange potlucks!

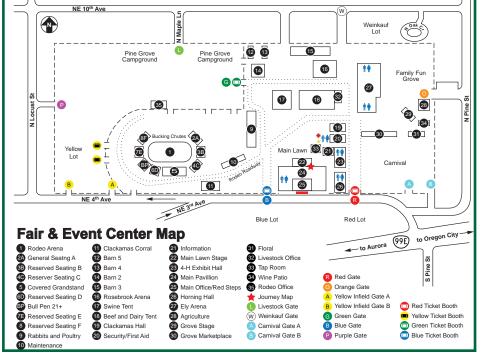
Stayed tuned, I think this idea has

### AG Fest 2021 Drive Thru Continued from page 1

your vehicle at all times.

to order tickets VISIT oragfest.com Center.

low the CDC guidelines and stay in or find it on Facebook at www.facebook.com/oregonagfest. Below is a map for those unfamilier with the For more information and the links Clackamas County Fair & Events



### An Introduction to Beekeeping



### A free Interactive Online Class

Offered by Sharon Schmidt of Phoenix Grange #779 via Zoom on

May 1st ~ May 8th ` May 15th 3 to 4:30 pm

A description of the course can be seen on the web at: https://vimeo.com/522697545 tps://vimeo.com/522697545eo.com/522697545 Interested people can contact Sharon before April 24<sup>th</sup> At cascadegirl1@gmail.com

This class is offered as part of the Oregon State Grange policy which directed the development of a program of education on the husbandry of native and managed bees, regenerative gardening to be offered to the Community/Subordinate Granges.



### **Upcoming Dates/Deadlines**

April 20 Deadline for Subordinate/Community Granges to submit resolutions for consideration at the 2021

**OSG** Convention

**April 23-25** Oregon Ag Fest – Clackamas County Events

Center in Canby

**Date Changed**. State Community Service Reports April 30

due. Send to the State Grange office, post marked

by April 30.

1st Quarter Reports Due to the State Grange office

May 1 State Grange, GWA & Foundation Scholarship

applications must be postmarked and sent to the

State Grange office

OSG Youth Officer Applications due

First day of "An Introduction to Beekeeping"

**Interactive Online Classes** 

**May 15** Deadline for submitting Convention Committee

preferences

May 31 Deadline for awarding first 2021 Matching Grants

June 1 Deadline to order Convention meal tickets

Deadline to reserve spots for the Ag Tour

June 19-24 **Oregon State Grange Convention** 

Wallowa County Fairgrounds ~ Enterprise

Western States Youth & Leadership Conference August 6-8

Boise, Idaho

### Vintage Fair in Eagle Point

Eagle Point Grange #664, Jackson County, will be hosting a vintage fair on Saturday May 22, from 9am-5pm. The outdoor event in the parking lot will feature arts and craft venders, food booths and a couple bands playing country and Christian music.

Vender spaces are available and are \$30 each. Spaces are 12 x 12 feet and you are expected to use only

10 x 10, to keep proper distancing. Walkways will be 12' wide to accommodate for proper distancing. Contact Donna at 541.601.1682 for an application and to reserve a space.

All proceeds will go to the preservation of the historic Eagle Point Grange Hall and tours of the inside of the hall will be given. The hall is located at 5 South Shasta Ave, Eagle Point, Oregon.

#### **2021 OSG Convention Meal Tickets**

Wallowa County Events Center ~ Enterprise, Oregon

Name:
Grange Name & No.:
Phone:
Email:
Address:

Saturday dinner and Sunday through Wednesday lunches are available for purchase. Saturday's banquet will be held at the Enterprise Christian Church. The luncheons are on site at the Wallowa County Events Center. Tuesday's Benefits Breakfast will be at Hurricane Creek Grange. In the boxes below, write in the total number of meal tickets per meal. Total the daily meal costs on the right and enter the grand total at the bottom. Mail completed order form and total amount by June 1st. Meal tickets will not be available for purchase after June 1st. All meal tickets will be picked up at State Convention. For meal questions contact Debbi @ 541.212.4312.

> Mail to: Dist. 6 Host Committee c/o Debbi deBoer 509 Locust St Nyssa, OR 97913

Please return order form with check payable to the "District 6 Session Fund" by June 1st.

Day	Meal	Menu		# of tickets		Price per ticket	Daily \$ Total	
		Beef Lasagna	Adult		Χ	\$17.00		
		beer Lasayria	10 & under		Χ	\$8.00		
Sat 6/19	Kickoff	Chicken Alfredo	Adult		Χ	\$17.00		
5:30pm	Banquet	Chicken Ainedo	10 & under		Χ	\$8.00		
		Each meal comes with garlic bread, Caesar salad, & homemade dessert						
		Tri tio	Adult		Χ	\$16.00		
		Tri-tip	10 & under		Χ	\$8.00		
		Chialan	Adult		Χ	\$12.00		
Sun 6/20	Foundation Luncheon	Chicken	10 & under		Χ	\$6.00		
		Each meal comes with baked potato, chili beans, yeast bread, green salad & dessert						
	Membership Luncheon	BBQ Ribs	Adult		Χ	\$12.00		
Mon		DDQ TILES	10 & under		Χ	\$6.00		
6/21		Each meal comes with b calico beans, yeast brea & dessert	•					
	Benefits Breakfast	Pancakes, etc				Free	\$0.00	
Tues	GWA Luncheon		Pork Loin	Adult		Χ	\$14.00	
6/22		POLK LOITI	10 & under		Χ	\$7.00		
		Each meal comes with s potatoes, green beans, dinner roll & dessert			-			
	Youth/Young Adults	Roast Beef	Adult		Χ	\$12.00		
Wed 6/23		Koast reei	10 & under		Χ	\$6.00		
		Chickon	Adult		Χ	\$12.00		
		OHIGNEH	10 & under		Χ	\$6.00		
	Luncheon	Each meal comes with baked potatos, calico beans, yeast bread, green salad & dessert						
Beverages include: Water, Coffee and Hot Tea				Gra	and 1	Γotal		

Please indica	ite any dietary	needs such as	diabetic, v	egetarian,	gluten-free
or allergies:					

Orders must be received by June 1st. No ticket sales on site.



### **Oregon State Grange June 2021 Enterprise, Oregon**

### **Wallowa County Lodging Opportunities**

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Pondarosa Motel	(541) 426-3186
Eagle's View Inn and Suites	(541) 426-2700
Wilderness Inn	(541) 426-4535
Country Inn	(541) 426-4986

#### Joseph - 6 miles to Enterprise

Indian Lodge Motel	(541) 432-2651
Mt Joseph Lodge	(541) 432-6000
Kokanee Inn	(541) 432-9765
Bronze Antler B&B	(541) 432-0230
Jennings Hotel	www.jenningshotel.com

Bell Peppers B&B (541) 398-2758 Mt View Motel & RV (541) 432-2982

between Enterprise & Joseph

#### Wallowa Lake - 12 miles to Enterprise

Wallowa Lake Lodge	(541) 432-9821
Eagle Cap Chalets	(541) 432-4704
Wallowa Lake Resort	(541) 432-2391
Flying Arrow Resort	(541) 432-2951
Wallowa Lake Vacation Rentals	(800) 709-2029
Matterhorn Village	(541) 432-4071

#### Outlying in Wallowa County

Arrowhead Ranch Cabins	(541) 426-6420
Barking Mad B&B	(541) 886-0171
Mingo Motel	(541) 886-2021

### RV

Willigo Wioter	(341) 000 2021
V Parks	
Wallowa Lake State Park	(800) 551-6949
12 miles to Enterprise	
Log House RV Park	(541) 426-4024
1.6 miles to Enterprise	
5 Peaks RV	(541) 398-1925
6 miles to Enterprise	
Scenic Meadows RV	(541) 432-9285
12.4 miles to Enterprise	
Park at the River	(541) 432-8800
12.4 miles to Enterprise	
Wallowa River RV	(541) 886-7002
12.4 miles to Enterprise	,

### New to List

Onsite dry camping is available at the Wallowa County Events Center Cost: \$8.00 per night

> Contact Wagon Master Roger Wilson rogerwil139@gmail.com ~ 541-310-9641 for additional information and reservations





### **Get Your Kicks in District 6**

# Tentative Schedule 148<sup>th</sup> Annual Session June 19<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> Wallowa County Events Center

This year's session will again be a hybrid of in-person and via Zoom. However, we are working on two different Zoom groups so that delegates will be on one and be able to vote, non-delegates on the other one with no voting capabilities, but will be able to speak to resolutions. Anyone taking the degrees will have to be on site.

The committee meetings to work on resolutions will be held prior to the session via Zoom, so no matter if you are coming in person or participating via Zoom you will need to provide a good email address. The committee meetings will take place the first couple weeks of June and as soon as they are set, a notice will be sent out with the time and login instructions for each one. Only delegates assigned to the committee will be able to vote in the committee but I hope to allow for interested parties to log in to a meeting to offer commentary. Due to the hurried schedule last year, we were unable to accomplish this, but with the new deadline for resolutions, the extra time will allow us to make the process as open as possible.

Below are some of the highlights of this year's session. Resolutions are worked on every day in the order they come from committee. These are specificly scheduled events that are outside of the work on resolutions. Session usually closes around 9 PM if not specifically noted. Depending on the number of resolutions we may be able to finish Wednesday night.

#### Saturday June 19th

10 AM Ag-Tour – leaving from the Events Center
 2 PM Registration materials available
 5:30 PM Kick-Off Banquet and Talent Contest

at Enterprise Christian Church

Sunday June 20th

9 AM Opening in the Sixth Degree
11 AM State Master's Annual Address
12:30 PM Foundation Luncheon/annual meeting
2:15 PM Orientation for delegates
4 PM Fifth Degree – OSG GROW Club
7:30 PM Sixth Degree – OSG State Officers

#### Monday June 21st

9 AM Memorial program - State Chaplain
10:30 AM Opening in the Fourth Degree
12 Noon Membership Luncheon
6 PM Trade Show by the OSG Directors
7:30 PM "Come Together at the Grange"
National Membership Director,
Amanda Brozana Rios

#### Tuesday June 22nd

6:30 AM Grange Benefits Breakfast – no charge
10 AM Opening in the Fourth Degree
10:30 AM Presentation by State Junior Grange
12 Noon GWA luncheon - Quilts for Veterans
2:30 PM Tribute to Grange Veterans

#### Wednesday June 23rd

9 AM Opening in the Fourth Degree - State Youth Officers

12 Noon Youth Luncheon - Goodie Baskets 2 PM Recognition of Past State Officers

#### Thursday June 24th

9 AM Opening in Fourth Degree 10:30 AM Thank you to District #6 & Invitation from District #1 for 2022 Meet some of the District 6 Granges that are our hosts for the 2021 Oregon State Grange Conventions. Look for more Granges in the June/July Bulletin.



Columbia #867
Umatilla County
Re-Organized: 1926

Location: 32339 Diagonal Rd, Hermiston Meets: 3rd Tuesday 7:00 PM, potluck 6:00 PM Mail address: 125 NE 8th Pl, Hermiston 87838 Rental contact: Diane Serface 541-564-1481

Hall built in 1951 by members.

Best known for Flea Markets twice each year, Breakfasts, Community Service, and friendly attitude.

Projects include dictionaries for 3rd Grade students.



White Eagle #683
Umatilla County
Organized 1927

Location: 43828 White Eagle Rd, Pendleton Meets: 1st Monday 6:30 PM potluck 5:30 PM Mail address: 69530 Sparks Station Rd, Pendleton 97801

Contact: Gail Wilson 541-310-9655 gail11wilson@gmail.com

Hall first built or occupied as a Grange in 1927. Best known for monthly all-you-can-eat breakfasts, haunted house, weekly quilt club get-togethers, Tae-Kwon-Do classes. Offers free rental to youth dances, graduations, Prom, etc.

Projects include yearly rifle raffle to support youth projects.



Rockwall #679
Union County
Organized: 1926, Re-organized 2009

Location: 71562 Middle Rd, Elgin Meets: 3rd Monday, 6:00 PM Mail address: 72695 Palmer Junction Rd Elgin 97827

Hall was built as a Grange in 1926.

Best known for the annual Blue Mountain Old Time Fiddle Show and dinner, community dinners, BINGO throughout the year, sponsoring a scholarship to an Elgin High School senior, watering flowers and decorating Elgin.

Future projects include a Grange Hall face lift, Artistic Paint Nights, and fun nights.



Spray #940 Wheeler County Organized: 1954

Location: 807 Winlock St Spray Meets: 1st Thursday 1:00 PM

Mail address: PO Box 174, Spray 97874 Contact: Jim Tankersley 541-468-2182

Hall was built as a Grange in December, 1954.

Best known for community hall events, celebrations, fund-raisers, classes. They are the only Grange in Wheeler County.

Projects include hosting the vaccination drive.



Mt Vernon #695
Grant County
Organized: 1927

Location: 59491 Highway 26, Mt Vernon Meets: 2nd Friday 7:30 PM potluck 6:30 PM Mail Address: PO Box 88, Mt Vernon 97865 Contact: Joanne L. Stiner

JStiner502@gmail.com

Hall was built as a Grange in 1953.

Best known for good food and good friends.

Dedicated to community service.

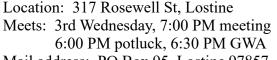
Projects include bazaars and pancake feeds.

### **Get Your Kicks in District 6**





South Fork #605 **Wallowa County** Organized: 1922



Mail address: PO Box 95, Lostine 97857 Rental contact: June Colony 541-569-2388 email: grassjune@hotmail.com

Building purchased and remodeled as a Grange hall in 2016. Old hall burned in 2014.

Best known for the new hall! Good food at community holiday meals, sponsoring candidate forums and Senator town halls.

Projects include delivering hot lunches to community members on Tuesdays in place of "Meals on Wheels". A quilting group is meeting weekly.



Fort Union #953 **Union County** Organized: 1991

Location: 63161 Gekeler Ln, La Grande Meets: 1st Wednesday 6:00 PM

Mail address: 1801 Y Ave, La Grande, 97850 Rental Contact: Bonnie Berry 541-963-0266

Date hall was built: 1872

Best known for historical site for celebrations Hall was built in 1925. such as weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, reunions, showers, painting club, dance lessons, AA, and church meetings.

Projects include painting the Grange Hall, making a quilt block, and helping with the homeless in winter months.



**Hurricane Creek #608** 

**Wallowa County** Organized: 1923

Location: 82930 Airport Ln, Joseph Meets: 2nd Tuesday 6:00 PM Mail address: 82930 Airport Ln Joseph 97846

Rental contact: Darlene Stephens 541-426-2196

Hall was built as a Grange in 1925.

Best known for the food at Grange events, bringing community together at monthly breakfasts, yard sales, Community BBQ, and community service volunteering.

Enjoying the harmony of members and eager to celebrate 100 years as a Grange in 2023.

Projects include dictionaries to all county 3rd grade students, scholarships, Box Social 4-H fundraiser, Dogs for Better Lives donations.



Liberty #613 **Wallowa County** Organized: 1923

Location: 63848 Liberty Rd, Joseph Meets: Third Monday, 6:00 PM Mail address: PO Box 731, Joseph 97846 Rental Contact: Jane Harshman 541-398-2410

Best known for the rural out-of-town setting. The Grange Hall is noted for its large size.

Projects include Harvest Moon dinner/dance, landscaping.



Elkhorn Grange #908 **Baker County** Re-Organized: 2010

Location: 925 3rd St, Haines Meets: 1st Wednesday 5:00 PM

Mail address: 2950 7th St, Baker City 97814 Contact: John Berg 541-406-9529

Hall was first occupied as a Grange in 1948.

Best known for the 4th of July Pancake Break-

The Grange is rented by the Mennonite's and used as a school. The hall was formerly a school and was moved to the present location on logs.



North End #820 **Wallowa County** Organized: 1934



Location: 81028 Flora Ln, Enterprise Meets: 3rd Wednesday 7:00 PM Mail address: 82945 Weatherman Rd Enterprise 97828 Contact: Don Mallory 541-828-7765

Hall was built in 1935

Best known for their potlucks and dessert auctions.

Very unique with a Tuff-Shed out-house.





**Boulevard #389 Malheur County** Organized: 1926



Location: 3890 Highway 201, Ontario Meets: 2nd Wednesday 7:00 PM

Mail address: 3775 Clark Blvd, Ontario 97914 Rental contact: Debbi deBoer 541-212-4312 debbid110@gmail.com Val Richmond 541-889-5790 vcassingham@gmail.com

Hall first occupied as a Grange in 1909

Best known for food and Christmas Bazaar.

### **Oregon State Grange AG** Tour Saturday, June 19

Leave the Wallowa Events Center at 10 a.m. Return around 3 p.m. in plenty of time for the evening's activities. Lunch provided.

The tour will visit several agricultural locations in the local area.

You must reserve your spot by June 1st Limited to 40 people on a first come basis

For reservations contact: June Colony Email grassjune@hotmail.com Phone - 541.569.2388

Name

**Email** 

Phone





### **The Education Committee**

Paula Herrick vpbears@q.com OSG Education Director

Greetings fellow Grangers,

Hope everyone has enjoyed our beautiful weather the last few days. Makes you realize better days are coming. We hope that better days are coming for education. The last year has been a challenge for both educators and especially for students. Some students are finding it extremely difficult to thrive with mobile learning. Plus the social aspect of not attending is also not a healthy situations for our students of all ages.

I was just looking at a study on trends in education. The most popular was growth mindset which means you believe you can grow. Interaction in the classroom with teachers and students is essential for growth. Stimulating young minds can't be done in front of a computer which leads us to the least popular trend in education, mobile learning. Some students are self motivated and mobile learning has worked well. Unfortunately other students find it a constant struggle.

We can only hope and pray soon we can get to somewhat normalcy in education. "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." Nelson Mandela

Take care and stay safe.



L-r: Nikki Shattuck, Secretary of White Eagle Grange presenting a check to Pilot Rock High School Music Teacher, Jacob for the Music Department.

# White Eagle Grange #683 Donates to High School Music Department

At the February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 meeting of White Eagle Grange #683, Umatilla County, Nikki Shattuck, a senior at Pilot Rock High School and Secretary of White Eagle Grange, brought to the Grange's attention that the music department at the high school was in need of funds to purchase new instruments and get some instruments repaired. The Grange regularly raises funds through raffles that supports local youth activities and voted to donate \$250 to help out.

On February 24<sup>th</sup> Nikki presented a check to Pilot Rock High School

Music Teacher, Jacob Try, on behalf of the Grange to help cover some of the Music Department's needs.

White Eagle Grange is currently selling tickets for a rifle raffle that supports local youth activities. The winner of the raffle will be drawn July 10<sup>th</sup> at an "All you can eat" breakfast. Tickets can be purchased at the Pendleton Les Schwab, Elite Guns and Tactical, or from any Grange Member. For more information contact Gail Wilson - gail-11wilson@gmail.com or 541-310-9655.

### **2021 Grange Scholarships**

### **OSG Foundation Scholarships**

#### Marcel "Muzzy" Mandel Memorial Scholarship

For an Oregon Grange member or the child or grandchild of an Oregon Grange member who has graduated from high school or completed a GED. For undergraduate work while attending any institute for post-high school education. Amount is variable. Paid to the recipient with proof of enrollment.

#### **Mary Helen Sauter Ramm Memorial**

For a female Oregon Grange member undergraduate or graduate student who is returning or has returned to college after a break. Use at the school of your choice; priority will be given to students majoring in Education, History or Family History/Genealogy. A minimum of \$250 will be paid directly to the winner.

### **Oregon State Grange Scholarships**

#### **Charles E. Spence Memorial**

An applicant must have been a Grange member in Oregon for at least two years. Scholarship can be used at applicant's choice of school. Value \$1000.

#### **Grange Workers Activities (GWA)**

Goes to an Oregon Grange member, who by September 1 will have completed at least one year of college, business school, nurses training, or vocational education. Check will be mailed to the school. You must be enrolled for at least 12 credit hours fall term. One \$1000 scholarship.

**For all of the above scholarships:** The application forms were mailed to your Subordinate/Community Grange Secretary and can be downloaded from www.orgrange.org/scholarships/. Send the completed application to the Oregon State Grange office, 643 Union St NE, Salem, OR 97301 **post-marked no later than May 1.** 



Above right: Jessie Jo Guttridge takes an order from a customer during Springwater's Drive-by Dinner.

**Holds** 

**Dictionary** 



### Springwater Grange Spaghetti Dinner for

Springwater Grange #263, Clackamas County, held a successful drive-by Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday February 6<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds from the dinner will go towards the Grange's "Word for Thirds" project which provides dictionaries each year to third graders in the Colton and Estacada

Left - l-r: Socially distanced and masks in place, Joyce Parker, Don Kingsborough and John DeHaas prepare food for the Spaghetti dinner. School Districts.

No reservations were required for the meal of Spaghetti with homemade meat sauce, Green beans, Garlic Toast and a Cookie for dessert. Orders were taken as cars arrived. Then they were packaged up by the small crew in the hall and delivered back to the car. This was the first time Springwater tried a drive-by meal but won't be the last as plans are in the works for a couple breakfasts

this spring and their strawberry social in June.

**Drive-By** 

**Project** 

Last November dictionaries were delivered to the offices of the three elementary schools in the Colon and Estacada School Districts. From there they were sent home along with other school work to the third graders. The Grange is hoping this fall to be able to go back to presenting the dictionaries to students in person.









### **State Junior Grange Convention**

I want to participate in Junior activities at the State Grange Convention, June 19-24 in Enterprise Name of Junior \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Who they are coming to convention with if different than above? Address \_\_\_\_ Phone # Phone # during convention if different than above \_\_\_\_\_ Days at convention: Saturday - June 19 Will arrive in time for the Ag Tour (9:45am) \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday - June 20 Monday - June 21 Tuesday - June 22 \_\_\_\_ Wednesday - June 23 \_\_\_\_ Thursday - June 24 I want to participate in the talent Contest Interests: Please mail form or email information to: Oregon State Grange Junior Director Peggy Jillson psjill@comcast.net



987 Tivoli Eugene, Oregon 97404

Join the next Jibber-Jabber May 16th.

# JIBBER-JABBER

All are welcomed to join us as we focus on different topics related to Junior Grange Activities and provide resources for our leaders

WHEN: 3rd Sundays of Odd Number Months 9 p.m. Eastern (6 p.m. Pacific)

WHERE: ZOOM!

Meeting ID: 833 7712 0738 Passcode: 969128



### **Oregon Junior Grangers**

Peggy Jillson psjill@comcast.net OSG Junior Director



#### Be A Food Hero!

This all-ages program from OSU Extension promotes gardening and use of healthy foods. Tips and news updates continue the garden challenge all year long. Those who signed up earlier in the spring got free seeds – a cold weather crop, warm weather crop, an herb, and flowers. But you can use your own seeds and plant anything you like.

According to Garden Challenge, a Food Hero leads by example, preparing meals that include a variety of fruits and vegetables and other healthy ingredients. In the excellent downloadable cookbook:

- 37 tasty, flexible, and healthy low-cost recipes tested with adults and kids. (I loved the you thinking!)
- guides for measuring and storing ingredients and cooking tools.
- flavored water basics and snack ideas. (All geared for kid preparation as well as kid appetites.)

Even more food ideas can be found in the Food Hero "tasting assessments." These recipes have been tested and approved by kids from throughout Oregon. According to Food Hero, at least 70% of the kids who tried them

"Liked!" the taste. Go to foodhero.org for more information.

#### **Come to Enterprise In June!**

Writing this in mid-March, we have at least three vaccinated adults ready to work with Juniors at the OSG convention. Masks or other appropriate face coverings will have to be worn, so be sure your Juniors are prepared for that. It looks like Oregon schools will open for some length of time this spring. Even if summer school becomes expected for most students, we're hoping there's still a break June 19-24. And wasn't it wise of our founders to socially distance the officers at a Grange meeting? We've got this!

#### flexible alternatives. They get **Pop Bottle Ecosystems – Part 2**

My 2-gallon betta aquarium became my small ecosystem experiment. No fish yet, and maybe no fish ever, but it has stabilized and the plants are doing well with the available natural light and an LED that doesn't have the benefits of natural light. I almost bought a "betta pillow" moss ball while shopping for underwater plants. Now these pillows have been recalled because they contain zebra mussels, a horribly invasive water pest. That's a lesson I'm glad I learned from the news rather than by unfortunate real-life experience.



Junior Director Peggy Jillson checking out her ecosystem.





### **Government Affairs**

John DeHaas lobbyist@orgrange.org Lobbyist for the Oregon State Grange



Hello Grangers,

Here a little information on what's been going on in Salem. I hope you all are being safe and staying Healthy. Do take care.

The Oregon Senate began passing legislation this week. But it's not yet time for Oregonians to worry. Or applaud. Although committees in the Senate and House are considering countless contentious bills, it will be a while before those items reach the floor for votes. Among those upcoming issues: What to do with the extra millions and millions of dollars that the Legislature unexpectedly has available to spend. State revenues are doing so well despite the pandemic that an income tax "kicker" refund appears headed for taxpayers. Gov. Kate Brown and legislative leaders also continue advocating for more coronavirus-related federal aid for states, including Oregon. Meanwhile, Oregon has not spent all the federal aid it already has received.

Given the unexpected revenue, House Speaker Tina Kotek, D-Portland, said she doesn't anticipate needing to pass major tax increases to balance the 2021-23 state budget. However, legislators may pass bills that make the tax system more fair – fair at least in the eyes of the advocates.

The Legislature also will decide whether to make the federal stimulus checks exempt from Oregon's personal income taxes, as they are for federal taxes. After being contacted by many "confused and angry" constituents, Oregon Rep. Peter DeFazio, D-Fourth District, wrote to Brown, Kotek and Senate President Peter Courtney, D-Salem, and asked that Oregon stop taxing the federal payments. State Sen. Dick Anderson, R-Lincoln City, and Senate Republican Leader Fred Girod of Lyons have introduced such legislation, but their Senate Bill 842 has not been scheduled for a hearing.

Passing bills: On Thursday, March 6, the Oregon Senate passed eight bills – the first of this year's legislative session. None was memorable. But the tradition of initiating new legislators was. New Sen. Kate Lieber, D-Beaverton, was assigned to carry Senate Bill 37, which regulates real estate appraisal companies. Several colleagues peppered her with frivolous questions, including Sen. James Manning Jr., D-Eugene, asked whether someone would have to pay fees on a pet duck.

A majority of senators then joined in appearing to defeat the bill before changing their votes. SB 37 passed 26-1. Sen. Dallas Heard, R-Myrtle Creek, who also is the new chair of the Oregon Republican Party, voted against all eight bills on the agenda.

Like its predecessors, the 2021 Legislature has started with routine bills, ones that make slight, technical fixes in current laws or had overwhelming bipartisan support in the 2020 Legislature but died when that session collapsed. In fact, most bills that become law are bipartisan. However, bipartisanship alone doesn't guarantee smooth sailing. House Republican Leader Christine Drazan of Canby and Democratic Repaved Gomberg of Otis, are sponsoring House Bill 2638. The bill has been a priority of House Republicans. Ten have signed as co-sponsors. Democrats are not keen on it, making Gomberg an anomaly but he is one of the few legislative Democrats with an extensive business background.

The bill would limit the liability of businesses and individuals for actions during the ongoing COVID-19 emergency period so long as they had reasonably followed government guidance. The House Subcommittee on Civil Law, chaired by Rep. Karin Power, D-Milwaukie, held a video hearing last week. Drazan, Gomberg and a lobbyist testified in favor. Four opponents then spoke. One of the co-sponsors, Rep. Raquel Moore-Green, R-Salem, took to the House floor this week to complain that the time for testimony ended before nine supporters could speak, including Tom Hoffert, CEO of the Salem Area Chamber of Commerce. Three opponents who signed up to testify also were unable to do so. As of March 4, the bill had not been scheduled for additional testimony or work.

Good-bye, Rep. Hernandez: Speaker Kotek this week stripped Rep. Diego Hernandez, D-Portland, of his committee assignments. Hernandez has resigned, effective March 15, instead of facing a House vote on whether to expel him over allegations of sexual harassment and creating a hostile workplace. The House had been scheduled to vote Tuesday on that measure, HR 1. With Hernandez's resignation now irrevocable, action on the measure was delayed to March 16, when the measure will be tabled indefinitely.

Alas for the Round-Up: Sen. Bill Hansell, R-Athena, pointed out that none of the contestants on a recent



# All Grangers are invited OSG Legislative Forum Zoom Meeting

When: Sun April 18, 2021 2pm – 3pm PDT

Where: Zoom

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

Contact: Legislative Director Mark Noah

for login information marknoah00@gmail.com



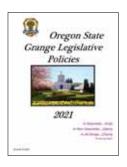
### Resolutions to Grange Policy

The 2021 OSG Policy handbook is available on the Oregon State Grange website www.orgrange.org/legislative/. This year there are about fifteen policies that will sunset out if they are not reaffirmed.

Resolutions from Subordinate/ Community or Pomona Granges must be filed with the State Grange office 60 days prior to the annual State Convention. Pomona Granges having a regular meeting after the 60-day deadline may file resolutions passed at such meeting with

the State office prior to May 15 or 30 days before State Session.

This year the deadline for Subordinate/Communi-ty Granges is April 20th. That means they must be at the office in



Salem by then, not postmarked, so make sure they are mailed in plenty of time.

episode of "Jeopardy" answered this question: "September is when thousands of rodeo fans are driven into northeast Oregon for the annual Pendleton ..." The answer, of course, is the world-famous Pendleton Round-Up.

Sock it to 'em: Hansell is someone who brings the real world into the State Capitol. On Wednesday March 3, he showed off the "Mandalorian" socks given him by his 10-year-old grandson and which he was wearing on the Senate floor as promised.

Socks must be an Oregon thing. The Capitol Store sells socks that have the carpet design from the House chamber, Senate chamber or Governor's Ceremonial Office, as well as socks with the state seal.

Congressman DeFazio wore his Route 66 socks when he met with President Joe Biden, Vice President Kamala Harris, Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg and others to discuss federal infrastructure legislation. DeFazio chairs the U.S. House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. "I made sure to point out to the President that I was wearing my Route 66 socks as [a] reminder we are still living off the legacy of President

Eisenhower to the detriment of our safety, our economy, our communities, and our environment," De-Fazio said in a statement after what he said was a bipartisan meeting in the Oval Office. "It is time to get out of the 1950s and move forward on a transformational infrastructure bill that puts millions of people to work building the infrastructure of the 21st century and beyond all while putting our country on a path toward zero pollution."

Oregon led the way: Seniors criticized Gov. Brown for making educators a higher priority for receiving the coronavirus vaccine. But this week Biden followed suit, directing states to vaccinate educators. Meanwhile, confusion continues in Oregon's vaccination rollout. The state switched to a lottery system for the mass vaccination site at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland. Yet now the vaccination site at the Oregon State Fairgrounds in Salem was accepting walk-ins along with people who had appointments.

An oddity of the fairgrounds site is that to reach the parking area, motorists traverse a long, serpentine route that includes driving inside an immense livestock building.

Best Regards and Happy Trails





### **Legislative Update**

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Most of us remember Jimmy Stewart as Mr. Smith, speaking to the point of exhaustion in an attempt to convince the Senate to do the right thing. That movie was made in 1939. Today's filibuster is much different, and it needs to be changed.

The action we call filibuster didn't even exist in the U.S. Senate until a seemingly minor rule change in 1806 unwittingly made it possible, nobody actually did it until 1837, and it remained extremely rare because it was hard—the speaker had to hold the floor which meant they had to speak continuously, and no other business could be considered until the speaker relinquished the floor so the motion could be acted upon. The word filibuster didn't even enter political slang until the 1860s.

Sidebar here--can we filibuster in the Grange? Actually, no. Filibuster is not even mentioned in either Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (RONR) or the National Grange's Parliamentary Law (Chapter 13 of the Digest). In fact, Chapter 13.3.2 of our parliamentary code states "The length of time allowed each speaker shall be determined by the Grange" and in addition, we do recognize a motion for the Previous Question which is a Privileged Motion and may interrupt the speaker, and which ends debate if carried by a 2/3 majority. Parliamentary procedure protects the rights of the minority, but when meeting time is limited there must also be limits on debate.

So, what's the deal with filibuster in the U.S. Senate? In 1806 they decided they didn't need a 'Motion for the Previous Question' so they dropped it from their rules. Apparently, nobody realized this meant the Senate had no parliamentary procedure to end debate. As happened in 1837, a speaker could ramble on and on, blocking further action until that person felt like quitting. In 1917 the Senate, reacting to a filibuster that apparently irritated everybody, did create a rule allowing a speaker to be cut off by 2/3 vote of the members present, which meant they essentially recreated 'Previous Question' but they called it 'Cloture'. Still the tactic remained uncommon until 1975 when several rule changes were implemented.

First, instead of a 2/3 majority of members present, debate could be ended only by 60 votes. That meant a formal vote would be announced at a time certain, so members could return to the chamber to cast their vote. Previously, if half the senate got bored or had to take a rest break during a long-winded speech, someone could rise and move for closure and if there were only 50 senators in the room, then 34 could vote in the affirmative and end the debate. The standing requirement of 60 votes eliminated the need for the minority members to remain in the room with their speaker to fend off such a vote to end discussion.

The Senate also conveniently decided that they would only filibuster in the mornings, and in the afternoons they would go on about other business. By these two changes the Senate turned what had been an extreme and difficult option for protecting the rights of the minority, into an easily deployed tool for attacking specific legislation or action.

Filibuster in its original form was an important tool that allowed full voice to the minority and forced extended consideration of potentially questionable legislation or actions. It must be returned to that form. The Senate needs to return to the original rules: require the individual to speak continuously, allow a 2/3 vote of members <u>present</u> to stop debate, and require that the question be settled before any other business can be considered. Do this, and we'll see far fewer filibusters and when a future Mr. Smith starts one, it will have some meaning.

### OSG Foundation Says Goodbye to First President Jerry was born January 21, 1928 in 1957, and began his career as

Gerald "Jerry" Odis George, 93, of Oregon City, first President (1993-96) and one of the initial incorporators of the Oregon State Grange Foundation passed away on March 13th 2021. Brother Jerry joined Tillicum Grange #799 in winter of 1987. Over the years he was a member of several Granges in Oregon and belonged to Molalla Grange #310 at the time of his death. Over his Grange career he served in several positions including State Ag Director from 1992-1995 and on the hosting committee for the 2002 National Grange convention held in Portland.

in Canton, Oklahoma to Clarence and Jessie (Goodman) George. Air Corps in 1946 and was honorably discharged in 1949. In 1951 he was recalled back to the military, serving in Japan and Korea for two years before again being honorably discharged in 1954.

In 1955 he married his wife, Bonnie and together they raised four children. Jerry continued his education, earning a bachelor's degree from Oregon State University

a Civil Engineer for the Federal Government. He retired in 1983 The family moved to Vale, OR in and shortly thereafter joined the 1936. He enlisted in the US Army Grange. He was a life member of both the Oregon State Grange and the VFW.

> Jerry is survived by his wife, Bonnie; children, Clarence, Jerry, Roy and Vija; and many grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was buried with military honors at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland on Friday, March 19.

> Donations in Jerry's memory may be made to:

> > Molalla Grange #310 c/o Susan Sether, Sec. PO Box 884 Molalla, OR 97038

Oregon State Grange Foundation 643 Union Street NE Salem, OR 97301



Malcolm Trupp, President of the has left a bequest in his will to the Oregon State Grange Foundation passed away February 1, 2021. Brother Trupp was first elected to the foundation Board in June 2013 and served as President from June 2014 until his untimely death. Memorial donations made to the Oregon State Grange Foundation in his memory will be placed in the Granges Attending State Session (GASS) Fund.

At the quarterly meeting of the Foundation on March 6, 2021 Brother Martin McClure of Lorane Grange #54 in Lane County was elected by the trustees to fill the remainder of Brother Trupp's term which will expire in 2023. Brother McClure is the immediate past Master of Lane Pomona Grange.

The Foundation has been notified that Brother Robert Smith of Woodburn Grange #79; Marion County,

Oregon State Grange Foundation. The exact amount of the donation will not be known until the estate is settled but his generosity is a reminder that Grangers can leave money to fund Grange Activities through the foundation.

The newly elected/re-elected officers of the OSG Foundation are:

> **President:** Maggie Peyton Vernonia Grange #305 Columbia County

Vice President: Dean High Midland Grange #781 Klamath County

**Secretary:** Joyce Parker Springwater Grange #263 **Clackamas County** 

Treasurer: Carmel Valencia Phoenix Grange #779 **Jackson County** 



### **Oregon State Grange Foundation Annual Meeting**

June 20<sup>th</sup> following the Foundation Luncheon. At the Oregon State Grange Convention in Wallowa County

All fourth-degree members in Good Standing are invited to attend the annual meeting and vote on all matters brought before the attendees including the election of the District 1 Trustee and the at-large Trustee position #1. Several GASS Awards will be presented to those in attendance.

### Shopping Rewards Benefit the Oregon State Grange Foundation



AmazonSmile - Start shopping from the Foundation page of the OSG website.

Fred Meyer Community Rewards www.fredmeyer.com/account/communityrewards/ Add/update your organization to Oregon State Grange Foundation - FM650







### **Membership Matters**

David McBride davidmcbride8@gmail.com OSG Membership Director

Membership in the Grange provides a wonderful opportunity for fellowship with others in the Grange, and to join together in service to your community. Grange membership affords individuals and families the chance to become involved at the local, regional, state, and national level. Some may have questions about the various types of membership available and how they differ. This article will cover a brief review of the types of Grange membership as identified in the Oregon State Grange By-Laws.

At the Subordinate/Community Grange level there are several categories of membership. Individual membership is for an individual thirteen years and six months or older, proposed, elected and complying with the rules and regulations of the Order. The annual dues for this membership are a minimum of \$45; however, a Community Grange may establish a higher amount through their By-Laws.

A Family Membership is available for a couple and their dependents, or a single person and dependents. Dependents are defined as children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, foster, adopted or step-children under the age of 23, who live as a member of the same household or in absence due to illness, education, or military service. Legal dependents regardless of age are also considered part of their legal guardians' family. The minimum dues for a family membership are \$90 annually.

The Subordinate/Community Grange Affiliate Membership is available for a Fourth-Degree member who is elected to one additional Subordinate/Community Grange as an Affiliate member.

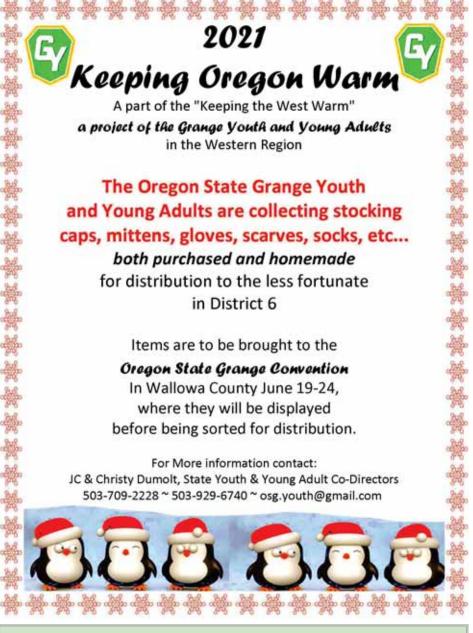
The Affiliate member is to pay the applicable membership dues and is entitled to hold office and vote in the additional Grange, but shall not serve as Master in two Subordinate/Community Granges at the same time.

Life Membership may be purchased by any member in good standing in a Subordinate/Community Grange. A Grange or a donor may purchase a Life Membership for any member of the Order, living or deceased. The minimum fee for a Life Membership shall not be less than ten times the minimum annual dues. At this time that minimum amount is \$450. In addition to the Life Membership fee, the annual dues for that year needs to be paid as well. Each Grange may establish a higher fee in its By-Laws. The minimum fee for a Memorial Life membership shall not be less than \$100. The Life Member is relieved from further annual dues to their Community Grange, but the Grange still is required to pay dues to the Oregon State Grange while the member is still living. There is more information concerning Life Membership in the Oregon State Grange By-Laws Article 4 Section

A Subordinate/Community Grange may grant an Honorary Membership without dues to any of its members, but the Grange must pay Oregon State Grange dues on such members.

There are several more types of membership offered such as Junior Membership, Associate Membership, Associate Business Membership, and E-Membership with the National Grange. A discussion of these memberships and their activities in the Grange are topics for a subsequent article.





### **GROW Club**

"Go Right On Working"

Sandi Ludi OSG GROW Club President sandiludi5@aol.com



The Oregon State Grange Grow Club has been asked to confer the Fifth Degree at this year's state convention on Sunday afternoon, June 20th. At this time most if not all the positions are filled. If you have not been contacted and would like to help please touch base with Vickie High 541.591.1910 or vick189@aol.com to see what is still needed.

We will again be having our annual get together on Wednesday evening June 23 so watch for details in the convention schedule in the June/July issue of the Bulletin as well as our Facebook page. That evening we will be inducting a new member into our group.

Additionally, we will be selecting new/additional board members. Current board members are District 1 - John Fine, District 3 - Orrin Schnetzky, District 4 - Suzy Ramm and at-large - Sandi Ludi who is the current President. Sandi has asked to be replaced as President. Districts 2 and 5 positions are vacant along with District 6, which became vacant upon Scot Jacobson's death. Please consider filling one of these positions.

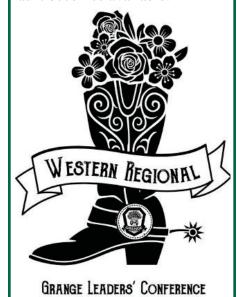
The Oregon Grow Club is made up of those persons who have worn the sash or crown of State Grange Outstanding Young Granger, Youth Ambassador, Outstanding Young Couple, Outstanding Young Adult, Young Patron or member of the National Youth Team; and in Oregon a member of the National Youth officer team.

We look forward to seeing many of you at state convention in Enterprise.

### Save the Date

Western States Regional Leadership and Youth Conference.

All Grange members are welcome to attend. Watch the June/ July issue of the Bulletin and Facebook for more information as it becomes available.



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#### Oregon State Grange Youth Officer Application Emailed or Postmarked to the State Office by May 1st

osg.youth@gmail.com 643 Union St NF. ~ Salem OR 97301

643 Union St NE ~ Salem OR 97301
Name:
Age (on Jan. 1, 2021)
Address:
Address:
Grange: Pomona:
Phone: Email:
What, if any, financial aid do you request from the Oregon Youth Activity Fund?? (Depends upon the availability of funds. Any financial aid acceptance implies you will participate in ALL youth activities.)
Will you accept banquet meal tickets?   Yes No At this time, have you been designated as a delegate by your Grange?  Yes No
To assist the state youth team in making youth officer assignments, pleas share your preference for which offices you wish to be considered for 1
3
Briefly explain your first choice
List current Grange Office(s) or Committee(s) held. Includes Community and Pomona, please acknowledge any committee chairs.
List previous Grange Office(s) or Committee(s) held. Includes Community and Pomona, please acknowledge any committee chairs.
I agree that if I am selected to be a Youth Officer, I will attend all scheduled practice sessions and be prepared to open State Grange Convention on Wednesday morning. I further agree that if I have a speaking part, I will have it fully committed to memory UPON ARRIVAL ATTHE State Grange Convention. I will also wear the proper attire for the opening of the Oregon State Grange on Wednesday morning. Drest code for the men include: slacks, button-up shirt, jacket, tie and drest shoes. Dress code for women include: floor length dress with straps of sleeves and dress shoes. (Military dress uniform is allowed/encouraged if serving on active duty). If you need help finding these items, pleas contact the Youth Directors. You are expected to participate in the youth activities (delegate work is the priority) and lend a helping hand to an task requested.
Applicant's Signature:
Date
I affirm the first 4 degrees or welcoming ceremony had been received when this application was signed. (initials)

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# **Grange Youth & Young Adults**

Christy Dumolt & JC Dumolt-Junkman OSG.youth@gmail.com OSG Youth/Young Adult Co-Directors



It is almost time for State Convention again, this year it is in Enterprise which is in District 6, and will be held June 19th-24th. We will be doing many fun activities and would love to see lots of our wonderful Youth and Young Adults for as many days as you can give us. Besides the early morning practices, the youth participate in a couple workshops, do community service projects, have their own picnic /BBQ and reconnect with their Grange friends. We are always excited to see old friends and reconnect as well as have opportunities to make new friends.

In the paper you will find the youth application for this year's convention. We encourage everyone youth age and attending state to apply. Please encourage your Youth to apply and assist them if you can. Them being an officer does not interfere with them serving as delegates for your Grange.

We are also continuing the tradition of "Keeping Oregon Warm" again this year. You will find a flyer for that in the paper as well. Last year at Klamath Falls we were able to collect over 200 items to be donated to organizations in the area. We hope to exceed that this year. All items will be donated to organizations in District 6. This is a wonderful cause that many people benefit from, so please keep making, buying, or otherwise collecting warm gloves, socks, hat, mittens, and scarves.

With it being time for State Convention it is also time for the Goodie Baskets. You will soon be receiving a letter from us along with tickets to purchase. We also appreciate any donations towards the baskets. The money that comes from these

baskets is what allow our Youth and Young Adults to do things like attend Western Regionals Leadership Conference and represent us at National Convention. Our District chairs always do a wonderful job of making the baskets fun and easy to transport. They will be on display at convention for you to ohh and ahh over, with the drawing on Wednesday at the youth banquet.

Remember that there are many contests going on during State Convention and we would love to have a youth presence in them. Pick something that interests you and give it a try, there are lots of different categories. The youth also have a new contest this year, it is a ritual contest open only to youth/young adult aged members (14-35). You select your favorite passage from the manual and recite it from memory before three judges. We also ask that you explain to us why you picked that passage and what it means to you.

We are always looking for new ideas from the youth on what they would like to do. One idea that was brought forth was a trivia night, so we are going to give it a try. The Youth Committee is going to be hosting a virtual trivia night the third Saturday of every month except for June because of state convention. The upcoming dates for these are April 17<sup>th</sup>, May 15<sup>th</sup>, and June 26<sup>th</sup>, they will start at 7PM. We will be doing general trivia with Grange trivia mixed in.

Thank you for all of the support that the youth get throughout the year. We appreciate it. Remember to ask the youth in your community for their help and let us know what is going on in your Grange and your community.



Third Saturday Night starting at 7 PM except June

April 17<sup>th</sup> May 15<sup>th</sup> June 26<sup>h</sup>

Questions will include both general trivia and Grange trivia

Hosted by the Oregon State Grange Youth Committee. Email Christy and JC at osg.youth@gmail.com and/or watch Facebook for more information.

# Silverton Grange Holds Virtual MLK Observance on January 18

On January 18, Silverton Grange #748, Marion County, held its 18<sup>th</sup> annual Martin Luther King Day Observance virtually, attended on Zoom by over 50 Grangers and community members. Instead of a potluck, attendees were encouraged to purchase food at area restaurants owned by people of color.

The keynote speaker was Cameron Whitten, Executive Director of Brown Hope, a Portland based organization advocating for People of Color. Cameron is a young man who came to Oregon in 2009 at 18 years of age, underwent homelessness, and became active as an activist for racial, housing and LGBTQ justice. He co-founded the Black Resilience Fund which assists African Americans impacted by the health and economic impacts of the Covid 19 pandemic.

After guitar accompanied folk music by local musician Elyce Tyler, Grange President Cayla Catino and member Rose Hope kicked off the event welcoming the community to the virtual gathering. Then Silverton People for Peace's Rob Sisk introduced Whitten, whose speech was timely, passionate and engaging. He shared about his growth and en-

couraged attendees to be engaged in conversations and take action towards systematic



Cameron Whitten

social and racial transformation.

After a Q and A session with Whitten, Alyssa Burgé, a spokesperson for a local affiliate of Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) spoke about their activities in Silverton. Two local poets closed the event with a poetry reading. Kelly Morehouse read *Eagle*, by US Poet Laureate and Mysoke/Creek tribe member Jo Harjo and a quote from James Baldwin's *Nobody Knows My Name*. Juan Cervantes read *Amos 1963*, by African American poet Margaret Walker.

The vision for the Silverton Grange is to be a community of neighbors. They strive to be an inclusive community center promoting projects and service which engage and strengthen Silverton and their broader world.

### Columbia County Pomona to Honor Members at May Meeting

Columbia County Pomona Grange will be holding their May 1 meeting at 10 am at Fern Hill Grange during which they will hold a memorial service for members who have recently passed away.

The list will include Doris Wallin, a member of Warren Grange #536 for 50 years and past OSG Deputy (see obit on page 4) and Juanita Shearer of Yankton Grange #301. Juanita joined in 1938 and was a Grange member for over 80 years. She turned 96 years old several months before passing in February 2021.

Both Doris and Juanita were advis-

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ers to the members of their Grange, other Granges, and Columbia Pomona Grange. They served many offices in their Granges and the Pomona. They volunteered at the Pomona Grange Farm Museum and the Pomona Bingo Booth during the Columbia County Fair.

In later years, Doris and Juanita didn't want to fill an office, but encouraged younger members to do so. They were outspoken in a way that members listened to their advice. Their knowledge and passion for the Grange and their community will be missed.

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UPCOMING POMONA GRANGE MEETINGS
ries are to send in meeting information to the Bulletin Editor as soon as date,
time, and location are determined and/or changed.

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Pomona	Da	ite	Time	Meeting Place		
Baker #24	May	1	10:30 AM	New Bridge Grange		
Benton #36	Apr	17	10:30 AM	TBA		
Clackamas #1	Apr	24	1:00 PM	Zoom		
Columbia #18	May	1	10:00 AM	Fern Hill Grange		
Deschutes #25	May	8	11:30 AM	Little Deschutes Grange		
Douglas #13	Apr	24	6:00 PM	TBA		
Jackson #27	Apr	24	1:00 PM	TBA		
Josephine #20	May	29	10:00 AM	TBA		
Lane #14	Jul	10	10:00 AM	Creswell Grange		
Lincoln #10	May	15	10:30 AM	TBA		
Linn #12	Jul	10	10:00 AM	TBA		
Polk #3	Jul	8	6:30 PM	Oak Grove Grange		
Tillamook #9				TBA		
Umatilla-Morrow #26	Apr	21	10:00 AM	TBA		
Wallowa #22	Jun	12	10:00 AM	South Fork Grange		
Washington-Yamhill #2	Apr	17	10:00 AM	Aloha Grange		

Some Pomonas have canceled or may hold their meetings via tele-conference, Zoom or other virtual meeting platforms. Please contact the Pomona Grange for the most up-to-date information and be safe.



Connie Suing (3rd from left) presenting the check to Coach Troy Jentzsch and his family.

### Crow Grange #450 Supports Local High School Wrestling

Steve Boehringer had a huge passion for life. He was a very active member of Crow Grange #450, Lane County, starting as a Junior in 1967 up until his untimely passing at the age of 23 in 1985.

He held many offices at Crow including Master in 1984. He was also part of many drill and degree teams that came out of Lane County in the late 1970's and early 1980's. Steve also loved playing sports. In High School he played football, baseball, and he wrestled.

Wrestling became his passion and after High School while attending the University of Oregon, he became the Wrestling coach at Crow High School. One of his wrestlers, Troy Jentzsch, is the current Wrestling coach at Crow High and contributes a lot of his drive and commitment for the sport to the values he learned from Steve.

A few years ago the school started a Wrestling tournament held yearly at the High School gym in Steve's honor. Crow members thought as a Grange they could do something to help, so the Grange approached the Wrestling coach and asked if they could put on a Breakfast in Steve's honor with the proceeds going to the Cougar Mat Club. The school said a hearty "Yes" and the Grange

planned to do a breakfast in April of 2020.

Well, like everything else it got shut down. In September they approached Coach Troy again, asking if the Grange could do a "Carry out" breakfast, to which he said definitely "Yes".

In November 2020, Crow Grange held the first annual "Steve Boehringer Memorial Breakfast". As a result of the breakfast, Crow Grange was able to present the Cougar Mat Club with a check for \$700.00. Additionally, other friends and family had made donations.

The Grange now plans to make this a yearly event, honoring their friend Steve as a Wrestling coach and as an amazing, unselfish Granger who would do anything for anyone.



Coach Troy Jentzsch handing breakfast to Amanda Zacharek, Steve Boehringer's niece.

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Your Name:	Moving? Let Us Know.
Old Address:	New Address:
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Grange Name/Number:	
Please provide name of any Subordinate/Community Grange office/ Committee Chairman positions currently held.	
Mail to: Oregon State Grange, 643 Union St NE, Salem OR 97301	

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