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PROCLAMATION

APRIL 2015 AS GRANGE MONTH

“Grange Hands are joined together for SUCCESS”

WHEREAS, For 148 years, the Grange has sought to advance the interest of farmers, rural Americans and our nation's families through the simple, but powerful idea that "Community is the Foundation of Happiness"; and


WHEREAS, the service through educational efforts of the Grange and its members have aided innumerable people, both in and out of the Order, to reach their full potential as leaders; and

WHEREAS, the service of non-partisan legislative advocacy of the Grange through the unified efforts of its membership have immeasurably benefitted local communities and our nation as a whole, and

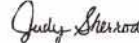
WHEREAS, The Grange increases the influence of each of its members by giving them the opportunity to serve their community through programs that make a difference in the lives of children, youth, and our neighbors in need of assistance, so

THEREFORE, be it resolved, that APRIL 2015 be proclaimed as NATIONAL GRANGE MONTH so that all Grange members may proudly exemplify our principles of service and commitment to our families, homes, farms, communities and nation both today and in the future.

Proclaimed this day by:


Edward L. Luttrell, President
The National Grange

Attest:


Judy Sherrod, Secretary
The National Grange



Join Us! 2015 Grange Day at the Legislature

Wednesday, April 22nd

10am – 2pm (lunch requires advance purchase-\$6 for box lunch)

Oregon State Capitol room 350
Salem, Oregon

Represent the Grange, meet your state legislators, learn about the law making process, see the capitol building, connect with other Grange members, introduce non-Grange friends to our legislative work, and much more!

Please RSVP to Dean High at 541-591-3300 or deanahigh@gmail.com for box lunch by April 15th

“The Real Grange Meets the Real West”

As the Oregon State Grange meets for their 142nd Annual Session June 29 - July 3rd at the Pendleton Convention Center be prepared as “The Real Grange Meets the Real West”.

A full schedule will be printed in the June/July issue of the Bulletin but for your convenience and planning here are some highlight and changes to the schedule from previous years.

The exemplification of the first four degree will again be held on **Sunday afternoon followed by the Memorial/Church service.** *This is a change from previous years in preparation for going to a Saturday-Wednesday or Thursday schedule starting next year.*

At the kickoff Banquet Sunday evening all 50 year plus members will be recognized.

Monday evening there will be a special Youth dinner “So You Want to Start a Youth Program.” Please plan to attend if your Grange seriously wants to develop an active youth program. This dinner is free but limited to 100 so please add it to your ticket order on page.14.

Veterans Day (*Red, White & Blue Day*) has been change to Wednesday along with Junior Day (*Red Tennis Shoe Day*).

Installation of Officers (newly elected Secretary) will be held on Thursday afternoon with the goal of the session being done by noon on Friday so people can head home for the Fourth of July weekend.

Additionally there will be no babysitting available as there are no facilities at the convention center to accomodate babysitting.

Watch for a complete schedule in the next issue of the Bulletin.

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The Master's Column

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Master ~ Oregon State Grange

We have had a busy and successful beginning to 2015! I have been impressed with the turnout for the Master's workshops. Many included new Masters eager to make sure they are properly instructed and are ready to help their Grange grow in the community, as well as some seasoned Masters who were gracious in sharing their experiences, their triumphs, and some of their failures with others in attendance. It has been a learning experience for all involved, including me. As I travel around I am always struck by how much knowledge we have in our organization.

Meeting new members gives me a more solid foundation when representing the Grange. So far ten of the thirteen scheduled conferences have been completed, and I've come away from each of them recognizing new talent and great ideas from our members and leaders. We have many members who are as excited about the Grange as I am. I look forward to continuing with these types of workshops next year.



Three Master's Instruction and Training Sessions Left On Schedule

The State Master's series of training sessions for new and returning Masters/Presidents will continue to be held throughout the State.

Topics to be covered will include: Parliamentary procedure, by-laws, use of the traditional or alternative Manual, being the facilitator of the meeting and dealing with difficult situations. Whether you are a brand new Master/President or a seasoned one State Master Susan Noah believes you will find information available to help you and your Grange.

Wallowa County
April 18 - 10am Hurricane Creek

Baker/Malheur Counties
April 19 - 10am Missouri Flat

Umatilla/Union/Morrow Co.
May 2 - 10am Columbia#867

I want to thank my Program Directors who have also been busy. Our State Lecturer Jeanie Force, State Membership Co-Director Sandi Ludi, State GWA Director Margaret Clute, State Community Service Director Eva Frost, and our Communication Director Sarah Kingsborough have hosted combined conferences in each of the six districts. I have received great feedback about the information our members are getting from this type of combined conference. I know all our members are busy, and this format allows for one visit with a lot packed into it.

Deaf Awareness and Family Health Director Iva May Van Noy and her district directors have been holding conferences in each district. With our health being such an important part of our family and life, Iva May felt a separate day was needed to explore many of these issues.

Our Ag Director Jay Sexton and Legislative Director Dean High have been planning events that take us into the community. Jay has been busy with the State Grange booth at the FFA convention and also getting ready for Ag Fest and the Legislative Luncheon coming up in May. Dean has been working on our Grange Day at the Legislature on April 22. Your Grange should have received reminder cards for this event. So when I say busy, I really mean it!

In the office we are slowly gathering information for this year's convention. Jan and I made a trip to Pendleton to tour the convention center along with many of the District 6 people and several State officers and Directors last week. Since our first meeting there in 2009, they have enlarged the convention center, allowing us more areas for Youth and Junior programs, as well as exhibits and our conferences. I believe we will have a great week, and I'm looking forward to seeing old and new friends.

A few changes are being made to the schedule so we can hopefully finish early on Friday and get home



before the 4th of July holiday starts. On Sunday we will combine the Memorial Service and Church Service. Please join us as we honor our past delegates and State Officers with a service under the direction of the Worthy Chaplain. On Wednesday we will honor our Veterans after the Juniors exemplify their degree. Hopefully these changes will allow us to get a good start on resolutions on Tuesday.

One addition to our Kickoff banquet will be to honor those who have been members for 50 years or more. So encourage your long-time members to come and be recognized at the Kickoff banquet.

On Monday evening we will have a brainstorming session for our plans to celebrate the Grange sesquicentennial. Remember that we were formed on December 4, 1867, so in less than two years the organization will be 150 years old. The National Grange is busy making plans to mark this anniversary, and Oregon needs to start making our own plans to celebrate!

The first four degrees will again be exemplified on Sunday, and the Fifth and Sixth degrees will be held on Wednesday night. All this along with resolutions, conferences, tours, and presentations by the Youth and Juniors make the State Convention worthy of your attendance!

Remember to get your resolutions into the State office before May 30 so that they may be assigned to a committee. Resolutions determine the policy of the Oregon State Grange so this is your chance to effect change in our organization, or to reinforce the policies we already have. We are a grassroots organization that holds the views of all our members in high esteem.

The packet of information regarding the State Convention will be mailed shortly. Please make sure your Grange is represented. Your Master is automatically a delegate. Your second delegate must be voted on by the Grange. If your Master is unable to attend, a vote must be held for that delegate also, and then both delegates must bring the proper credentials to the convention. The credentials form will be mailed in the packet of information.

Looking forward to "The Real Grange meeting the Real West" in Pendleton and hope to see YOU there!

Parliamentary procedure exercise at Master's Conference January 25th at Sunnyside Grange.

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Legislature Action

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As the 2015 Legislative Session enters the second month and the lobbyists in Salem have finally reviewed the nearly 3000 bills already introduced it is obvious there are political and philosophical trends, as always. It is also obvious after reviewing the bills that there will be a number of opportunities for OSG to support or oppose some legislation according to our policy.

There is some very good agriculture, energy & utilities, land use, elections and rural community's legislation that we can support. As always, there are those bills that we may oppose that counter our policy.

The ruling party/majority held to their vote for one of their intended outcomes which passed within the first month and now signed by the Governor. SB 324 (The Low Carbon Fuels Standard) passed with partisan votes only. You have recently heard it called the "hidden gas tax" which is one of the negative aspects it included. The Bill would eliminate the "sunset clause" and extend the 2009 Oregon Low Carbon Fuel Standard, requiring all fuels to have less carbon and more ethanol than they have today by 2025.

Not only is the majority convinced that Oregon can make a difference in carbon output with the Low Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS) but it is important that they do, they believe, at all costs. The Western States Petroleum Association declared a legal challenge if the Governor signed the Bill and she did. However, WSAP also challenged the California Fuel Standard and were unsuccessful.

All ideas reducing carbon or carbon footprints will receive tax credits and program funding. Woe is you if you have been identified as producing carbon, such as coal fired electricity generation, or anything petroleum based because the proposal to mandate carbon footprint labeling on all consumer products sold or offered for sale in Oregon after January 1, 2016 has been introduced. If we aren't paying a tax for our excessive carbon footprint sometime in the future many of us will be surprised.

There have been some hearings on favorable legislation involving economic development proposals that would possibly lessen the state and local regulatory process for some projects establishing new jobs for rural Oregon. One of these bill

would remove some land use regulation in a county with a population under 10,000 for economic development purposes. Another bill would move the land use permitting process quicker if an economic development proposal within a cities' UGB included 5 or more new jobs.

A paid sick leave proposal will likely pass out this Legislative Session and possibly a "Minimum Wage Increase" will pass with a very partisan vote count. There is a definite agenda to provide employee benefits and government protection, whether or not the employee is productive or deserving. Not that there can't be improvements for employee benefits, however, there needs to be a balance, and providing incentives to the employers to provide the employee benefits can go a long ways in helping.

There are other proposals addressing themes from the past such as increased taxes for those earning over \$140K or more and an increased business excise tax. There are proposals for reduced number of business tax credits, and elimination of business itemized deductions. There are a number of Legislators looking for more General Fund money and they believe that businesses aren't paying their fair share.

Now, with a new Governor it will be interesting to see where some of these proposals end up. Governor Kitzhaber had several pieces of Legislation that were intended to help economic development in the rural sections of the state and several to help attract more industry to Oregon with good family wage jobs. East-side and west-side natural resource development issues were getting more and more traction. Many of us are planning to promote some of these ideas with the new Governor with the hope that she will join the effort to help build a stronger economy statewide.

Legislative Day at the Oregon State Legislature

Wednesday April 22
See the front page for details.

Please RSVP to Dean High by April 15th to reserve box lunch.
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Legislative Update

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Legislative Director ~ Oregon State Grange

2015 National Master's Conference

"Building the Grange for the Future"

Each year, all of the State Masters congregate to discuss pressing issues within their states as well as to attend seminars and exchange ideas about how to boost membership within the Grange. At this year's conference one of the main topics was delivering on the grassroots of what we do as an organization legislatively. "We had an excellent discussion on expanding the role of community service and ways to get involved with our local communities more," said National Grange Legislative Director, Burton Eller. "We, as an organization, were always seen as leaders in our communities. We need to get back to that foundation of community service and legislative outreach."

The notes below are from one of several segments of the legislative presentation from a "What to do" and "How to do it" perspective and have to do with the National Grange Fly-In coming up in May but are also applicable to the OSG Legislative Day April 22nd.

Congressional Fly-In Presentation

Less Counts for More on Capitol Hill

Congressional fly-ins have become increasingly popular for the association community. A fly-in is exactly what it sounds like. Members of associations fly-in to Washington and meet one-on-one with their representative and senator from back home to discuss issues and policies that matter to their business or cause. Members of the Senate and House of Representatives returned to Washington in early January to begin the first session of the 114th Congress. Our recent elections changed the political gridlock between the House and Senate but not between the Democrats and Republicans. Compromise will need to become the name of the political game for the next two years if there's any hope to move legislation through the process to the President's desk. This need to compromise creates an opportunity for associations to activate their members and fly-in for some good old fashioned grassroots lobbying.

Constituent Pressure Is still a Powerful Political Tool

Lobbyists learned long ago that in-person constituent visits influence legislators and get results. Experienced association managers plan their fly-ins and lobbying days well in advance. Fly-ins cost the association and its participating members money and time; a tremendous amount of effort goes into planning, preparing, and coordinating fly-ins. Fortunately, association staff can rely on expert experience and guidance to help them stage a more productive fly-in. Here's a good place to start. The Congressional Management Foundation (CMF) recently conducted a survey for the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE) on best practices for fly-ins and relationship building on Capitol Hill.

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CMF surveyed 50 House chiefs of staff and found that, on lobby days it's more effective to provide less paper and have fewer people at meetings. Hill staffers prefer fewer people in the room and 1-2 pages of leave-behind material. It is a good idea to include a constituent and possibly an issue expert in the meeting. The survey also suggests that it's better if the meeting request comes directly from a constituent 3-4 weeks in advance of the desired meeting date. Staffers want pertinent issue background information in advance of the meeting, so that they understand which core issues will be discussed and know who's coming to the meeting.

Lobby Effectively

Provide the constituent's reasoning for supporting or opposing the bill or issue. Explain the impact of the bill or issue on the district or state. Send a follow-up email to the legislative assistant with issue jurisdiction. Follow-up with an email to the district or state director. Send a follow-up email to the chief of staff. Follow-up with a phone call to the legislative assistant. The survey confirmed that Members of Congress have no preference whether they meet with constituents in Washington or in their home district or state. The important thing is that you get that meeting.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR
Please join us for the
NATIONAL GRANGE LEGISLATIVE FLY-IN
May 17-20, 2015 ~ Washington, D.C.

The National Grange Building downtown will be headquarters for meetings, briefings, networking and social time. Come to Washington and help us promote the policy that was initiated by your local Granges back home.

Schedule

Sunday, May 17 - Arrive in Washington, D.C.

3pm - 5pm Hotel check-in
5pm - 7pm Dutch treat dinner together downtown near the National Grange Building
7pm - 9pm Mix and mingle dessert social at the Grange Building
1616 H Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006

Monday, May 18 - Briefings & Speakers - Grange Building

8:30am Coffee and muffins at the Grange
9:30am - 5pm Dive into the issues, strategies, politics and discussions important to Grangers; guest speakers
Evening Dinner on your own

Tuesday, May 19 - Capitol Hill

All day Individual appointments with Representatives, Senators and Hill staff
3pm - 6pm Feedback and discussion session with snacks at the Grange Building
Evening Dinner on your own

Wednesday, May 20 - Wrap up - Grange Building

8:30am Coffee and muffins at the Grange
9:30am - 3pm Feedback, issues discussions, take-away from Fly-In
3pm Explore Washington
Return home

Travel and Registration

All travel and hotel costs will be the personal expense for Fly-In attendees. Please make your own travel plans and book your hotel stay directly. If you plan to attend the Fly-In, please contact Stephanie Tiller by email stiller@nationalgrange.org, or by phone 202-628-3507 x 113. Be sure to let us know of any dietary restrictions or other special needs during your stay in Washington.

Housing

Our hotel is the Comfort Inn, 1587 Spring Hill Road, Vienna, Virginia 22182, phone 1-800-828-3297 or 703-448-8020. Our group rate is \$91.99 + 12% sales tax per night. The cut-off date to make a reservation is **April 16, 2015**. All rooms have one queen bed. The Comfort Inn is located just northwest of the Capital Beltway (I-495) in Vienna, VA. The hotel is just a block from the Metro's Silver Line for travel to downtown Washington. The hotel also provides a complimentary full breakfast Monday- Friday 6:30am - 9:30am and 7:00am-10:00am on Saturday and Sunday.

In addition, all of this information, as well the schedule and a clickable link to the registration form can be found on the National Grange Website www.nationalgrange.org/2015-legislative-fly-in/. If you have any additional questions, please contact the National Grange Office.

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Grange Workers Activities Director ~ OSG

Spring is here! Flowers are blooming and the sun is shining. This early spring does have one wanting to be outdoors and working in the dirt planting flowers or vegetables and cleaning up the yard from winter. Now is also the time of year to spruce up our Grange halls, too. Bright colored flowers at the entrance to our halls and well maintained grounds are very inviting not only for us as members but to anyone visiting our halls.

I have enjoyed meeting many of you at our conferences that we have had so far. I have received ideas for contests and articles. There has been an interest in ceramics, duct tape, fly tying, small stuffed animals, etc. If you or your Grange would like to sponsor a contest please let me know. We can add them to next year's contests. A sponsor writes the guidelines for the contest and the prize money awarded.

s'more Bites

Heather Elliott - member at Ada Grange #570, Western Lane County; 1st place in Unbaked Cereal/Made in Pan cookies in the 2014 OSG GWA contest.

Taste absolutely sinful.....but they're not. You can make them up to two days ahead and store in an airtight container. Makes 24 squares.

3 tbsp butter
1 bag (10 oz) marshmallows
6 cups rice-crisp cereal
1 cup melted semisweet chocolate chips
7 1/2 rectangular graham crackers (or 15 squares)
1 cup marshmallow crème (such as Fluff)

- In a medium saucepan, melt butter over medium heat. Stir in marshmallows and cook, stirring until smooth, about 2 minutes; then remove from heat.
- In a bowl, combine marshmallows with cereal; mix well.
- In the bottom of a 9x13" spread half of cereal mixture into a thin, even layer. Top with warmed chocolate. Place graham crackers in a single layer over chocolate, breaking crackers as needed to fit; top with marshmallow crème. Spread remaining half of cereal mixture over crème; press lightly to cement layers together.
- Let s'mores sit at room temperature for at least 15 minutes before cutting and serving.

Lookingglass Grange Raffles Quilt

Lookingglass Grange #927 is raffling a terrific quilt made by long-time Grange member Naomi Schulze. Tickets \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 Tickets are available at Lookingglass Farm Market every Friday from 3-6. The drawing will be on Saturday May 2nd at the Lookingglass community parade. You do not have to be present to win.



The skinny: 144 calories per square, 4 g fat (2 saturated), 27 g carbs, 1 g fiber, 1 g protein





Membership Matters

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Membership Directors ~ Oregon State Grange

Happy Spring Grangers!

Have you been planting seeds of Membership? Here are some tips to help your Grange Membership GROW!!

1. Plant the seed by choosing an event that will bring non-members to your Grange. It can be educational, musical, a fundraiser, or just plain social. Set a date and time then select a committee to do further planning to work out the details. Involving as many members as possible is the key to making it a success!
2. To ensure that your event is a success it needs to be well advertised. Just as watering the seeds you planted is important for growth, advertising your event in as many ways possible will hopefully reach out to many non-grange members so that your event is well attended. Advertise by using posters, radio ads, television ads, newspaper articles, signs, word of mouth by your membership, Facebook, any other types of social media.
3. On the day of the event be welcoming to non Grange members who attend. Sow the seed of friendship. Smile, introduce yourself, wear and give out name tags, tell them how

glad you are that they came, and answer any questions they may have about the event or Grange in general. Shower them with a pamphlet about the Grange and tell them that your Grange is taking applications for membership and that you would love to have him or her join your Grange. JUST ASK!

4. The last tip to sowing your Grange Garden of Membership is to get the non-members contact information; name, phone number, and or email address. Invite them to your next Grange meeting or event at your Grange. Follow up by using their contact information to remind them of your next meeting or event.
5. Watch your Grange Membership GROW!!

Our National Grange Leadership/ Membership Director, Michael Martin will be in Oregon to continue on the Grange Growth Tour Sunday May 10th - Friday, May 15th!! The schedule for the Tour is in the following box.

Mark these dates on your calendars as we want to fill the halls with Grangers!!! Get some new ideas on how to increase Grange Membership! Together we can make Membership Happen!!!

Grange Growth Tour!!

With Michael Martin National Grange Leadership/ Membership Director leading the conferences

Tour Schedule

Sunday May 10th – Redland Grange – Clackamas County
18131 S Fishers Mill Rd, Oregon City
6:30pm – coffee and cookies 7:30pm – Meet & Greet with Q&A

Monday May 11th – Fruitdale Grange – Josephine County
1440 Parkdale Dr, Grants Pass
5:30pm – Potluck Dinner 6:30pm – Membership Conference

Tuesday May 12th – Mohawk-McKenzie Grange – Lane County
3055 Willakenzie Rd, Eugene
5:30pm – Potluck Dinner 6:30pm – Membership Conference

Wednesday May 13th Ada Grange – Western Lane County
82457 S Canary Rd, Westlake
5:30pm – Potluck Dinner 6:30pm – Membership Conference

Thursday May 14th – Fairview Grange – Tillamook County
5520 E 3rd St, Tillamook
5:30pm – Potluck Dinner 6:30pm – Membership Conference

Friday May 15th – Sauvie Island Grange – Multnomah County
14443 NW Charlton Rd, Portland
5:30pm – Potluck Dinner 6:30pm – Membership Conference

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We want to fill the halls with Grangers!!!
Get some new ideas on how to increase Grange Membership!

Redland Grange Makes Plans for Grange Month Open House

National Master Ed Luttrell will help present recognition certificates and pins to members of Redland Grange #796 during their Grange Month Open House on Saturday April 18th starting at 1pm. Pins will be awarded to members who have served their Grange and their

community from 30 up to 70 years. Redland Grange invites all to come celebrate with them. Refreshments will be served. The Grange is located at 18131 S Fishers Mill Rd ~ Oregon City.



The New Era of “Membership”

By Michael Martin, National Grange Leadership/Membership Director
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“I can’t join the Grange; I’m not a farmer.” How many times have you heard this? Is it true? Was it ever true?

The thing about stereotypes like having to be a farmer to join the Grange is that they grow out of grains of truth. And, in some places they may still hold firm even today.

Not two months ago, I was facilitating a Grange Outreach for Active Leadership (G.O.A.L.) seminar and a participant shared their personal Grange story. In their experience, the nearby Grange voted against their becoming members because they were not actively farming. I would never have dreamed it possible.

How many of you joined the Grange at a National Session? Oh, you most certainly received the Seventh Degree at a National Session. Is there any other place to receive it? But, no one applies for membership and becomes a Grange member at the national level. You join the Grange at home, in your local community Grange.

Even in this day and age, the most likely place to join our Order is in your local community Grange. It is possible to apply for membership and not be voted into membership. However, I would definitely hope we both you and the local Grange would have one another’s measure before your application reached the floor for a negative vote.

In most communities today, local Granges have a more diverse membership than solely active farm families. Think about your own Subordinate Grange; who are your members and what are their positions in life? Are they farmers? Are they educators? Are they firefighters or law enforcers? Do they make and/or sell things? Are they homemakers? Are they students? Are they retired?

The important thing in today’s new era of Grange membership is where are the energies of your Grange focused? Is your Grange actively supporting the community, or is your Grange just interested in getting ahead for its own members? Active

Granges today are looking outward from the Grange Hall. They are scanning the community seeking opportunities to make a positive difference in the life of their community. They are the life-blood of the community.

In my training sessions, we talk about being a “Good” Grange member. What does it take to be a good Grange member in today’s society? Does one have to attend every regular meeting, assist with every fundraiser or other activity, and bring in new members every year to be considered a “Good” Granger? For some, that IS the definition of a “Good” Grange member and if you do less then you are not considered to be a “Good” Grange member. I suggest we broaden our sense of what constitutes a “Good” Grange member.

- If I pay my annual dues promptly and cheerfully each year, should I not be considered a “Good” Grange member?
- If I don’t attend many meetings, but help out at nearly every fundraiser and community activity am I not a “Good” Grange member?

Many Granges need every member they currently have plus new members on a regular basis. We need to broaden our perspective of what constitutes a “Good” Grange member. Too often, a Grange votes to close its doors and surrender its charter, even though they have plenty of funds and numerous members on the rolls, all because they perceived they no longer had enough “Good” Grange members.

Yes, we need actively participating members to keep the organization functioning, but please do not discount those members who may not be as devotedly active as you and I; they are still members to the best of their ability or desire and we should not discount them. We should actively seek to boost their involvement. Are they less active due to other pressures? Are they not active because they do not feel valued? Let us each look within our Grange and be open to all members in this new era of membership.

The Agricultural Report

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Agriculture Director ~ Oregon State Grange

The most interesting activity I enjoyed since my last Bulletin article was attending the OSU Small Farms Conference in Corvallis on February 28th. This was the 15th of these annual conferences, put on by OSU Extension, and this year it was attended by over 900 people interested in various topics associated with Small Farms. I estimate the people attending had an average age of 30 and perhaps 40% were women – it struck me as a very good field to cultivate for new Grange members! The 70 minute sessions covered many topics including farm budgets and profits, managing plant diseases, livestock, orchards, marketing, and OSU research updates. More information on the conference and the OSU program is at <http://smallfarms.oregonstate.edu/>

As I write, the Oregon State Grange, including this agriculture committee, are gearing up to attend the 2015 FFA convention in Silverton on the weekend of March 21st. I look forward to talking with the young people attending the session and encouraging them to consider Grange membership.

The 2015 Ag Fest will take place April 25th & 26th at the Oregon State Fairgrounds in Salem. Oregon State Grange volunteers will greet visitors and provide the opportunity for them to transplant vegetable or flower starts into pots to take home. Last year over 5000 needy plants found new homes through this activity, and many people became aware of the Grange. If you would like to volunteer to help visitors pot their seedlings please email me at



2015 Ag Fest April 25 & 26
Oregon State Fairgrounds

Volunteer needed to work in the Oregon State Grange Booth

- * Greet visitors
- * Help transplant vegetable and flowers starts

Sat., 8:30 am - 5 pm
Sun., 10 am - 5:30 pm

To volunteer contact:
Jay Sexton
agdir@orsgrange.org
541.929.5452

agdir@orsgrange.org and we can set up a time for you.

I know people like to put things off to the last minute, but I want to encourage you to nominate worthy Grangers in the Agriculturalist of the Year Contest. Details and the application form are on the Oregon State Grange Website at <http://www.orsgrange.org/agriculture/>. The application will be mailed to each Grange, but if you phone me, with your address, I will mail you the form and details. I hope to see several applications to make the judges really work. The application is due to me by June 1st.

Planning for the State Session is continuing. The Ag Tour on Sunday morning will visit 2-3 interesting agricultural sites, though, as I write, the details are still being finalized. If you would like to reserve your bus seat please email me with your name, phone and email, or return the paper form printed on this page. We will have an Ag Committee conference with an update on Oregon's Wolves on Monday morning and a second conference on Wednesday afternoon focusing on the recent increase in new small farms.

I hope to see many of you at the State Session in Pendleton.



Scotty Kimball of Rockford Grange preps for "Seedy Saturday." photo Aera Atkins ©

Buell Grange #637 To Host Free Discussion About Urban – Rural Tensions In Oregon

Every state has a legacy of truths—stories residents tell to explain why things are how they are. When those truths conflict, as they inevitably do, the result is political, social, and cultural tension. In Oregon, tensions manifest themselves as wet versus dry, the valley versus the east side, and, perhaps most fundamental, urban versus rural. What are the ties that bind, or could bind, urban and rural communities to a common future?

This is the focus of "Toward One Oregon: Bridging Oregon's Urban and Rural Communities," a free conversation with Ethan Seltzer and Bruce Weber on Saturday, April 11, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. at Buell Grange, located at 5970 Mill Creek Road, just north of Highway 22 between Mile Post 4 and Mile Post 5, in Polk County, Oregon. This program is hosted by Buell Grange and sponsored by Oregon Humanities.

Seltzer is a professor of urban studies and planning at Portland State University. Before joining PSU, he was the land use supervisor for Metro, served as an assistant to Portland City Commissioner Mike Lindberg, was the assistant director for the Southeast Uplift Neighborhood program in Portland, and created and directed a statewide coalition dedicated to improving drinking water quality monitoring and protection throughout Oregon.

Weber is a professor of agricultural and resource economics at Oregon

State University and director of OSU's Rural Studies Program. He does applied research and outreach and teaches graduate and undergraduate courses on rural community economics and policy.

Through the Conversation Project, Oregon Humanities offers free programs that engage community members in thoughtful, challenging conversations about ideas critical to our daily lives and our state's future. To reserve a spot or for more information about this free community discussion, please contact Christine Chute at 503-851-0322 or cachute@gmail.com. Buell Grange will serve chili dinner after the conversation for \$6.00. RSVP to 503-851-0322 or cachute@gmail.com.

Oregon Humanities (813 SW Alder St, #702; Portland, OR 97205) connects Oregonians to ideas to change lives and transform communities. More information about Oregon Humanities' programs and publications, which include the Conversation Project, Think & Drink, Humanity in Perspective, Idea Lab, Public Program Grants, and *Oregon Humanities* magazine, can be found at oregonhumanities.org. Oregon Humanities is an independent, nonprofit affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities and a partner of the Oregon Cultural Trust.

The April 11, 2015 event is part of Oregon Humanities' statewide Conversation Project.

Rockford Grange #501 Hosts "Seedy Saturday"

The second annual Seedy Saturday, a seed exchange and give-away happened at Rockford Community Grange on March 14th. This was a great opportunity to obtain (free) seeds from the Rockford Grange Seed Bank and other seed collections from local growers.

Katrina Jerome from Grow Organic was present to demonstrate seed starting for new growers and give tips on improving germination, and the Master Gardeners were there running a plant clinic to help diagnose plant problems and share information about soil testing.

The community was invited to stay for the Folklore Society's dance with live band and caller, which followed the event.

State Grange AG Tour ~ Sun. June 28

Leave the Pendleton Convention Center at 9am
Return by 12:50pm in time to attend the conferral of the degrees
Lunch will be provided - *Let Jay know of any special meal needs*
Limited to 40 people on a first come bases

Must reserve your spot by June 20

Contact: Jay Sexton
Agdir@orsgrange.org 541-929-5452
232 N 8th St ~ Philomath, OR 97370

Name _____
Email _____ Phone _____

SEEDY SATURDAY
Seed Exchange and Give-away
MARCH 14th, 4-7pm
at Rockford Grange, 4200 Burnett Drive
(next to Washoe Fire Dept)

- 1. Come get (free!) SEEDS from the Rockford Grange Seed Bank and other local seed sources
- 2. Seed starting demonstrations and tips on improving germination by Kathryn from Aera Organic
- 3. Meet Dora & prepare talking for Master Gardeners
- 4. Information on soil testing
- 5. Bring your extra seeds to share (optional), we are especially interested in native, heirloom seeds

Seeds may not be given! Please stay on for the folklore society dance and caller at 7pm



Deaf Awareness and Family Health
Iva May Van Noy
dafhdir@orgrange.org
Deaf Awareness-Family Health Director ~ OSG

Many members have asked me what goes on at a Deaf Awareness and Family Health Conference. The answer to this questions is best explain by printing the minutes of District 2 meeting.

The Deaf Awareness and Family Health conference was held February 7 at Irving Grange. State Director Iva May Van Noy welcomed everyone and introduced Peggy Jillson, District 2 chairmen for Deaf Awareness and Family Health.

After the Pledge of Alliance was given, Peggy asked those in attendance to introduce themselves including their Grange and offices.

Family health topics of increasing importance are Alzheimer's disease and dementia. Director Iva May began her discussion with a description of these conditions including statistics relating to the number of people who have these diseases or will develop them. Early signs were listed, also procedures a doctor may use to determine the presence of the illness and suggestions for possibly slowing the onset, such as maintaining good health with exercise and proper nutrition. Iva May ended her remarks by asking if anyone had question or wished to comment on the subject. A good response and discussion followed.

Peggy, District 2 chairman, introduced, Debra Hargett, a member of Irving Grange and a fitness instructor. Debra explained the conditioning benefits of certain exercises that can be done while seated.

Pat Heard, Irving Grange Master,

Dist. #5 and #6 Conferences in April

The Communications, GWA, Lecturers, Community Service and Membership committee have been holding joint conferences, one in each district in 2015. The last two will be held in April. These conferences are open to all Grange members, and if you missed the conference in your district, feel free to attend one of these. Each will start at 10am and a light lunch will be provided.

District #5, Sat. Apr 11 @ High Desert Grange
District #6, Sun. Apr 12 @ White Eagle Grange



Lecturer Jeanie Force speaks at the District 2 conference at Salmon River Grange.

spoke about a service dog owned by Joanie Wyant Kent. Joanie's dog "Serendipity" has been trained to assist her in various activities such as retrieving and returning objects to her owner. A gift was presented to Joanie to commemorate her dog who is very ill.

Next on the agenda was lunch provided by Mohawk-McKenzie Grange members and enjoyed by everyone.

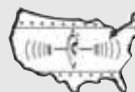
When the meeting resumed Peggy spoke about dealing with health issues and then introduced Joanie Wyant Kent. Her presentation on scoliosis and spinal condition, included literature, x-rays of the spinal curvature, and two types of back braces used to correct the problem. Joanie explained the physical effects of scoliosis and ways to cope with them.

Another health issue for many people is loss of hearing. A specially trained dog can provide some of the help needed by the hearing impaired for independent living. Dogs for the Deaf is an organization that trains dogs to provide this assistance. Dogs that are not suited to this type of activity after training can be adopted.

Other topics discussed included the many uses for vinegar and gardening with hay bales and the use water more efficiently.

The conference ended with Iva May thanking everyone for attending and participating in the program

Hope to see all of you at future conference.



D. A. & F. H. Conferences Schedule

The Deaf Awareness and Family Health committee has been busy this spring holding conferences in each district throughout the state. Meetings in Districts 2, 3 & 4 have already been held. Districts 1, 5 and 6 will be held in late April and May. Check the schedule below and plan to attend one.

- Dist. #1 Saturday April 25th - 10am.
Central Point Grange in Jackson County
436 E Pine St, Central Point
- Dist. #5 Saturday May 30th - 10am.
Terrebonne Grange in Deschutes County
8286 11th St, Terrebonne
- Dist. #6 Sunday May 31st - 1:45pm.
Greenfield Grange in Morrow County
209 NW 1st St, Boardman



Deadline For National Grange Deaf Awareness Grant Program Is Approaching!

A fund was developed within the National Grange Foundation for the purpose of supporting deaf activities within the Grange. Because funds are still available, this grant program is being offered to assist states with funding various deaf awareness activities. In the past these grants helped Granges in Idaho, Iowa, Michigan, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Washington. If you would like to know more about these projects please go to www.grangefoundation.org.

Eligibility

Any State Grange is eligible to apply for a grant to assist with a worthwhile project that may be planned within the state. Community Granges can apply through their State Grange.

Timeline

Grant applications will be due on May 4, 2015 to the National Grange Foundation. If you are mailing it please send to National Grange Foundation, Attn: Deaf Grant, 1616 H St. NW, Washington, DC 20006 or e-mail it to swilkins@nationalgrange.org.

Guidelines

Grants up to a maximum of \$500.00 will be awarded to each approved application, and will be awarded to the State Grange. The State Grange will have the option of transferring

those funds to the Community or Pomona Grange conducting the deaf activity included in the grant application.

A maximum of three grants will be awarded in 2015.

Grants may be awarded for any project that enhances deaf education. Creativity and uniqueness of the projects will be factored into the selection process. The Grange Foundation is looking for projects with not only an impact on deaf education but plans that involve members working with deaf community in some way. The Foundation will give preference to Granges who are doing more than fundraising.

Requirements

This should be in document form and include the following information:

- Name of State Grange
- Name and Address of Contact Person
- Date of Submission
- Name of the Project
- Description of the Project
- Anticipated number of people involved
- Anticipated impact on the Grange (State and/or Local)
- Anticipated impact on the Community or State
- Other anticipated results of the project



The Lecturer's Column

Jeanie Force
 lecdir@orgrange.org
 Lecturer ~ Oregon State Grange

Brothers and Sisters,

We have held four conferences so far this year. Those members attending have commented they have come away with new information about our various departments. Maybe we will see you at one of the final two conferences being held: April 11 at High Desert Community Grange in Bend and April 12 at White Eagle Grange in Pendleton. Both start at 10am.

Now is the time to start thinking about which contests you will be participating in. They will be judged at State Grange Session in June.

New this year for the Lecturer contests: With the exception of the Talent contest all of the Lecturer's contests are now **open to members and non-members**. Contests include: Art, Writing (Poetry- story- or Skits), Flyer, Pamphlet, Poster, Program, Photography and Talent. Please refer to the Contest booklet you received in the mail last month, for contest rules or the State Grange website. Make sure you have read the rules for each contest to make sure your entry will meet the qualifications.

Remember that the overall Talent winner will represent Oregon at National Grange in the Evening of Excellence. This year National Grange will be held in Lincoln Nebraska. The Lecturer's department is responsible for raising the money to send the winner to National. Donations are gladly accepted; please send them to the Oregon State Grange Headquarters.

One of our fund raising projects this year is a quilt created by our own Becky Brier Dist. #1 Committee Chairman. She has graciously donated her time and material to make us this quilt. We are selling the tickets for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Please copy the attached entry form as many times as needed and send your checks made out to Oregon State Grange along with your entry forms. Here is a great idea, have your Grange buy some tickets and if the Grange wins then you could either have another raffle or use it for some other use within your community/Grange. See picture of quilt below: A color copy is available for viewing, by looking up the online version of this Bulletin on the Oregon State Grange



PLEASE PRINT

Raffle Ticket for Quilt - Lecturer's Dept.
 \$1.00 each 6 for \$5.00

Name _____
 Address _____
 Phone # _____ Grange _____

Please send checks (made out to Oregon State Grange) & completed entries to:
 Jeanie Force
 Oregon State Grange Lecturer 9365 SW Palouse Lane, Tualatin, OR 97062



Patriots Program: Vietnam Veterans Vietnam Veteran Certificates Available

The certificates used to recognize your Vietnam vet, can be ordered from NG Communications Manager, Bryan Marchefsky and are ready now. To request the certificate, please make sure to include the following information: name of veteran, name of Grange they belong to or who is giving it out, the name of the local Master and Lecturer, the city and town the Grange/Veteran is located in and a shipping address. There is no cost to you or your Grange for program

material or the certificates. This program is sponsored by Potomac Grange #1.

If you missed out on the National Grange program information for WWII and Korea they are still available to order. All you need to do is contact Communications Manager, Bryan Marchefsky, at bmarchefsky@nationalgrange.org or call at 888-4-Grange. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact him.

Morningstar Grange #311 Celebrates Grange Month

Morning Star Grange #311 is celebrating Grange Month and invites you join them for a Meat Loaf and Baked Potato Bar, Sunday April 19th, 1 to 4pm Morningstar Grange 38794 Morningstar Rd NE, Albany, Oregon.

Whole meal for \$8 includes potato, meatloaf, salad, roll, beverage and dessert. Potato only including choice of toppings \$5. Meatloaf meal is \$6 including meatloaf, salad, roll, beverage & dessert. Ala carte available: salad \$1, dessert \$1, beverage \$1 as are "to go meals."

Over 14 different toppings will be available to choose from as well as assorted salads, rolls, desserts and beverages.

Raffles and door prizes too!
 For info: 541-905-4113 or 541-905-4070

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GARAGE SALE
FUNDRAISER FOR THE
Crohn's & Colitis
Foundation of America

Tigard Grange Hall
13770 SW Pacific Highway, Tigard 97223

Saturday, April 25, 8am-1pm

SPONSORED BY TIGARD GRANGE

PORTLAND TAKE STEPS Team UC Fighters
thanks you and Tigard Grange for your support!

The mission of the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America (CCFA) is to cure Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis, and to improve the quality of life of children and adults affected by these diseases.

Ada Grange #570 Prepares For 2015 Relay For Life

January 31st, Ada Grange members Loni & Megan Schofield (co-captains team Love Connection, sponsored by Ada Grange) participated in the Relay for Life Kick-off at the Florence Elks Lodge. The Kick-off was celebrated with a chili cook off contest, dessert auction, live music, games and a Minute to Win It Challenge!

Ada's entry in the chili-cook-off was made by member Brian Schofield. Grange members also donated several items in the dessert auction. Many of Ada's members attended to sample all the great chili and help vote for a winner. Team Love Connection raised \$34.00, a nice start on their goal of \$3500.



L-R: Loni & Megan Schofield



Left to right: John Fine, King Philips and Noel Bendele.

Kellogg Grange Welcomes New Member

At the March 3, 2015 Kellogg Grange Meeting, Noel Bendele was Welcomed into the Kellogg Grange by John Fine, Douglas County Pomona Master with Kellogg Grange Master, King Philips assisting.

The Kellogg Grange is located at 18037 State Hwy 138 West, 7 miles south of Elkton. The meetings are held on the first Wednesday each month at 1:30 PM. Visitors are always welcome.

Community Involvement



Eva Frost
CSdir@orgrange.org

Community Service and Involvement Director
Oregon State Grange

Did your Grange send in the Annual Community Service Report? For those of you who almost forgot or thought it was too late to send in your report, you are in luck! I am extending the deadline from March 31 to the first day of the State Grange convention, **June 29** by noon. If you mail your report, make sure it is postmarked by **June 20**.

The Oregon State Grange receives prize money (\$250) from the National Grange if 25% of Granges send in their report. All participating Granges will receive a recognition certificate for their Annual Report and/or Yearbook, and they will be judged at the State Grange session. The first place winner will be sent to National Grange in November.

You may choose to send in just a report, and that is OK, but if you are entering a yearbook, you must include a copy of the report in your yearbook. In addition to a copy of your Grange report, your yearbook should include pictures, documentation and/or news articles showing the Grange projects that are listed in your Annual Report. This is not a history book, but community service activities for 2014.

For the **Volunteer of the Year** program your Subordinate Grange needs to send the nomination to the Director (me) for judging postmarked by **May 1**. In the past, the forms went to the Pomona Grange to be judged before being sent to the Director, but with fewer Pomona Granges, we have taken that step out.

April is Grange Month and a good time to present a **Community Recognition Award** to recognize a local fireman, policeman, teacher, or first responder. Your Grange can recognize more than one person from your community at several different events. Pictures of the event should be taken and submitted to your local newspaper and/or the Grange Bulletin.

The **Annual Food Bank Drive** has changed. Rather than transporting items to the State Grange Convention, your Grange should donate money or food to your local food bank and log the donations on your Annual Community Service Report as one of your projects. The Grange with the highest donations logged on their 2015 Annual Report will be recognized at the 2016 State Grange Convention.

Most of us, as Grangers, donate or volunteer hours of service within our community. This is a good way of "Giving back to the Community" and expanding your involvement within your community. Volunteers are needed for all kinds of projects. Several of the members of my Grange took part in the Special Olympics "Polar Plunge." Volunteers and Special Olympics participants got wild and crazy plunging into the icy waters of the Columbia River in Portland. This is a major fundraiser for the Special Olympics nationwide. There is a Special Olympics group in almost every county in Oregon. They provide activities for over 12,000 children, youth, and adults with learning disabilities who are inspired to achieve greatness and to keep moving. They are all winners. They need volunteers, coaches, or sponsors for their unlimited sports events. Special Olympics is only one way to volunteer in your community; a few others are Relay for Life, feeding the homeless, helping the elderly, working with your schools, volunteering at your local animal shelter, planting a community garden, helping with a farmers market or your county fair. Making a difference in your community can enhance the visibility of your Grange and its members.

Remember to share your Community Service or Grange activities with your local media, the Grange Bulletin and social media. We love hearing what you are doing.



District 1 Lecturer/Com. Service, etc, conference at Greenacres Grange

Districts 6 Granges Welcome You to Where



 **Eagle Valley Grange #656**
Baker County
Chartered February 1925

Location: 42008 Moody Rd, Richland
Meets: 2nd Wed 7 pm;
4th Wed potluck 6 pm, 3rd Wed Dec
Mail address: PO Box 364, Richland 97870
Rental contact: Gayle 541-893-6026


Eagle Valley Grange members "Didn't build a Grange hall", they purchased an existing building to house their meetings. Meetings are held in the cafeteria area of what was once part of the Richland Grade School. The community organized a group of interested individuals to save the school building when the grade school itself moved to Halfway, Oregon.

After the students moved from the elementary school building, the classrooms were renovated into HUD housing for senior adults. Eagle Valley Grange then stepped in to manage the cafeteria section of the building as a community center and Grange hall. The building was also redesigned as the location which currently serves as the Richland City Library. Eagle Valley Grange has been using this building since November 2013. Eagle Valley Grange also maintains a community park which was once part of the old Richland High School property.

Eagle Valley Grange currently has many projects in the works. Members sponsor a Ladies Luncheon in April, are involved in Eagle Valley Days during the third weekend in June and clean five miles of Highway 86 through the Adopt the Highway program. They sponsor a Steak Feed the Saturday before Labor Day and hold an annual bazaar in November. In December they erect a memorial tree honoring loved ones that have passed away. Currently members of Eagle Valley Grange are building picnic tables for the Eagle Valley Grange Community Park with the help of grant monies from Oregon State Grange. They have also received grant money to replace and upgrade the restrooms at the park. One of the most important functions of the Grange is their sponsorship of the Eagle Valley Ambulance, which is stored in a garage at the back of their former Grange building.



 **Stanfield Grange #657**
Umatilla County
Chartered in 1925

Elkhorn Grange #908
Baker County
Reorganized May 21, 2009 

Location: 925 3rd St, Haines
Meets: 2nd Thurs 6 pm
Mail address: PO Box 302, Haines 97833
Rental contact: Stacy 541-519-8887



 **Missouri Flat Grange #612**
Baker County
Chartered April 1923
Reorganized May 2007

Location: 1050 Hughes Ln, Baker City
Meets: 1st Wed 3 pm
Mail address: 43560 Old Wingville Rd, Baker City
Rental contact: Virginia 541-523-3038

The first Missouri Flat Grange building was located on an area known as Missouri Flat. This building was demolished when the freeway was built. In 1975 a new Missouri Flat Grange building was constructed at its present location by Cliff Welter.

When members of the Missouri Flat Grange reopened the Grange in May 2007, after the Grange was used by Baker City Quilt Club, they began renovations from monies earned from rent collected from the Quilt Club. First members painted the exterior of the Grange building to help beautify the building. The following spring the complete interior was repainted and the kitchen floor was replaced. On August 3, 2014 a disaster happened. A hot water tank sprang a leak and caused major flood damage in the building. Grange members had to repair walls and the floor in the ladies room, main entry, furnace room, hallway and kitchen. Since much of the building was being repaired, members decided that they had sufficient funds to renovate the men's room and main hall floors. They also replaced toilets in both restrooms. All this repair and renovation took almost six weeks to achieve.

When not working on renovations and repair on the Grange building, members are busy with their annual bazaar which is held on the last Saturday of October. They fulfill a meaningful project by distributing hand sewn lap and baby quilts to the Oregon State Police, foster care homes and adult and nursing homes.

Location: 225 Sherman St, Stanfield
Meets: 4th Tues 7:30; potluck 6:30 pm
Mail address: 77784 N Ash Rd, Stanfield 97875
Rental contact: Gary 541-449-3236

The building was originally built in 1909 as a cheese factory. Stanfield Grange acquired the building in the mid-1960's and currently uses it as Stanfield Grange meeting hall. They are busy supporting the Stanfield Library. Members also help sponsor the Future Homemaker competition at the local fair.



 **Mt Vernon Grange #659**
Grant County
Organized 1925

Location: 59491 Hwy 26, Mt Vernon
Meets: 2nd Fri 7:30 pm; potluck 6:30 pm
Mail address: 23187 Corral Gulch Rd,
Canyon City
Rental contact: Mary Ellen 541-932-4540

Surrounded by the Umatilla, Ochoco and Malheur National Forests is the small community of Mt. Vernon, Oregon, the home of Mt. Vernon Grange #659. The Grange is located 1 mile east of the community itself. Mt. Vernon Grange was chartered in 1925 and the present day hall was erected in 1953.

The Grange sponsors monthly dances, donates the use of the hall for funeral dinners, also to the local 4-H youth and other community groups as needed. The hall is also available to rent for parties, church groups, candidates night and other social and community events.

The Grange presents a plaque to the 'Grand Champion Steer' winner at fair time, donates to the local food bank and numerous other recipients in the community. The Grange also sponsors the annual Christmas Bazaar, the community Christmas dinner and in January each year they hold a community pancake feed.



 **Strawberry Grange #661**
Grant County
Organized 1925

Location: 204 N McHaley Ave, Prairie City
Meets: 2nd Wed 1:30 pm
Mail address: PO Box 36, Prairie City 97869
Rental contact: Vera 541-820-3603

The community uses the Grange Hall for meetings, funeral dinners, birthday and anniversary celebrations, wedding receptions, family reunions, dance lessons and in the past, dances. The hall is used by the Prairie City Seniors for a weekly dinner.

 **New Bridge Grange #789**
Baker County
Chartered 1931

Location: 43108 Main St, New Bridge
Meets: 3rd Thurs 7 pm
Mail address: PO Box 1124, Baker City
Rental contact: Joe 541-893-6622

the "Real Grange Meets the Real West."



Boulevard Grange #389
Malheur County
Organized December 1925

Location: 3890 Hwy 201, Ontario
Meets: 2nd Wed 7 pm April-October
2pm November-March
Mail address: 3809 Clark Blvd, Ontario
Rental contact: Debbi 541-212-1762
Val 541-889-5790

Boulevard Grange #389 is located five (5) miles south of Ontario on highway #201 and a fourth of a mile north of Cairo Junction.

On opening day of pheasant season each October, the Grangers serve a Hunters Breakfast. The breakfast is held on both Saturday and Sunday mornings. Each November, on the Friday after Thanksgiving, a Christmas Bazaar is held with many exhibitors. The Granger ladies serve food in the kitchen. The second Saturday of each month the Grange sponsors a Country Western dance. This is an alcohol free dance, with all ages attending.

The Grange has a very active G.W.A. who prepare and serve a number of dinners for individuals and groups such as the Masons and Co-op. G.W.A. meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 2pm.

The Grange sponsors the FFA Round Robin Showmanship Jacket at the fair; participates in the Words for Thirds program, helps the Fire Department with its annual fundraiser and helps organize the Hands Across The Border event.



Greenfield Grange #579
Morrow County
Organize 1919

Location: 209 NW 1st St, Boardman
Meets: 2nd Tues 7 pm; potluck 6 pm
Mail address: PO Box 760, Boardman 97818
Rental contact: Muriel 541-481-2299

Vale Grange #696
Malheur County **Reorganized 2008**

Location: 259 Longfellow St S, Vale
Meets: 3rd Mon 7:30 pm; potluck in summer
Mail address: 4837 John Day Hwy, Vale 97918
Rental contact: Jackie 541-212-3419



Lexington Grange #726
Morrow County
Reorganized 2014

Location: 66296 Marquardt Rd, Lexington
Meets: 1st Wed 7 pm
Mail address: P.O. Box 535, Lexington, 97839
Rental contact: Sandi 541-240-1761

Just reorganized last summer they have become a very active Grange. (See article on page 13)



Columbia Grange #867
Umatilla County
Chartered 1936

Location: 32339 Diagonal Rd, Hermiston
Meets: 3rd Fri 7:30 pm except 1st Fri Dec; potluck 6:30 pm
Mail address: 125 NE 8th Pl, Hermiston 97838
Rental contact: Diane 541-564-1481 or Tom 541-567-9742

Columbia Grange #867 is very civic minded. Members focus energies on helping the people of the Hermiston area. Projects which Columbia Grange is involved in include blood drives, pet rescue and "Words for Thirds." The group also makes donations to the local domestic violence shelter and Hermiston Warming Station. They also have a flea market and breakfast on the first Saturday of the month from fall into early spring.



Fort Union Grange #953
Union County
Reorganized 1993

Location: 63161 Gekeler Ln, LaGrande
Meets: 3rd Thurs 9 pm
Mail address: 1801 Y Ave, LaGrande 97850
Rental contact: Nelda 541-963-6871

Pine Valley Grange #815
Baker County
Organized 1934

Location: 250 Fairgrounds Rd, Halfway
Meets: 3rd Thurs 12:30 pm
Mail address: PO Box 862, Halfway
Rental contact: Wyona 541-742-2112



White Eagle Grange #683
Umatilla County
Organized 1927

Location: 43828 White Eagle Rd, Pendleton
Meets: 3rd Sunday 7 pm; Potluck 6 pm
Mail address: 25 SE Dorion #126, Pendleton
Rental contact: Gail 541-276-3778

White Eagle Grange holds a twice monthly breakfast October-June on the 1st and 3rd Saturday from 6-10am, the 3rd Saturday in July & August, and 1st Saturday in September. The menu consists of pancakes, French toast, hash brown potatoes, ham, sausage links, eggs (any style), ham scrambles, ham & cheese omelets, biscuits and sausage gravy, and beverage all for a suggested donation of \$7 (8 yrs+) and \$4 (5-7 yrs) 4 & under are free. If a customer brings in 2 non-perishable food items for the food drive they will get \$1 off the cost of their meal. They also have a fund raising dinner on the 2nd Saturday for the same suggested donation as the breakfast. Service is from 5:30-7:30 pm. The menu changes each month.

The Grange participates in the "Words for Thirds" program giving out over 600 dictionaries each year. They donate the use of the hall for Tae Kwon Do classes once a week, the FFA haunted house in October and for the school proms, dances and dinners. They sponsor students for school trips to DC and other places most every year.



North End Grange #820 ~ Wallowa Co.
Organized in 1934

Location: 81029 Flora Ln, Enterprise
Meets: 3rd Wed 7 pm
Mail address: 82945 Weatherman Rd, Enterprise
Not available for rental

North of Enterprise, Oregon in the tiny hamlet of Flora, Oregon you will find the North End Grange #820. The name says it all. North End Grange is located in the northern part of Wallowa County and is surrounded by fields, farmland and lots of wide open spaces. North End Grange members focus their energy and talents on the annual Stock Growers Breakfast.



 **Pleasant Grove Grange #475**
Union County
Organized 1910 

Location: 67218 Hunter Rd, Summerville
 Meets: 3rd Sun 6 pm; potluck 5 pm
 Mail address: 69873 Summerville Rd, Summerville
 Rental contact: Bobby Cornford 541-963-8123

Pleasant Grove Grange is located outside of Summerville in the Grande Ronde Valley in the northeastern part of the State. They celebrated their 100th anniversary in 2010 with a picnic and games on a lovely summer day. The building was constructed in 1927.

They have three fundraisers through-out the year which are used for upkeep and capital improvements. In 2014 they bought a new propane heater. Several years ago they added the porch which has greatly enhanced the look of the building as well as making it safer and more practical.

They have a couple of events planned for this year. The first is a talk/lecture given by an ODFW employee on local birds and effective feeding to encourage population growth. The second event is to set-up the Grange as an art gallery and have a showing of local artists work. There are about five artists who live in the "neighborhood", one of whom is a member of the Grange, and they would like to recognize them. The Grange will serve refreshments and make it a week-end long event.

This year they will need to paint (again!) and it is an on-going effort to keep dead trees cut (to discourage insect damage) and plant new trees in order to keep it a "pleasant grove."



 **Hurricane Creek #608**
Wallowa County
Chartered 1923 

Location: 82930 Airport Ln, Joseph
 Meets: 15th of the month 7 pm
 potluck 6 pm if 15th is Fri or Sat
 Mail address: 65156 Mawhin Rd, Enterprise
 Rental contact: Grace 541-432-9411

Hurricane Creek Grange #608 is located outside of Joseph, Oregon, past the Joseph State Airport. The Grange hall was built on its present location in 1926. Hurricane Creek Grange is an instrumental part of Wallowa County, supplying dictionaries for school children through the "Words for Thirds" program. Currently Grange members are busy rehabilitating the hall, landscaping and fundraising.



 **Rockwall Grange #679**
Union County
Reorganized 2009

Location: 71562 Middle Rd, Elgin
 Meets: 3rd Mon 6 pm
 Mail address: 1804 Y Ave, LaGrande 97850
 Rental contact: Shirley 541-437-3102

Located outside of Elgin, Oregon on Middle Road you will find Rockwall Grange #679 within sight of the rock wall geological feature. Members of Rockwall Grange are often busy with volunteering and fundraising. Throughout the year, Grange members host many dinners and events. They host an annual Blue Mountain Old Time Fiddlers contest in September, and an old time Christmas party during the December meeting.

For community service, Rockwall Grange pairs with Elgin Chamber to bring a Community Clean-Up day to Elgin, decorates the town with cowboy cutouts for the Elgin Stampede, decorates a table at the annual chamber banquet and joins in the family fun during Elgin Truck-Or-Treat during Halloween. Grange members help care for a small cemetery located south of the Grange building and also give a scholarship to an Elgin High School graduate. As fundraisers, Rockwall Grange holds a huge annual yard-sale and holds Bingo nights each Friday through the winter.



Liberty Grange #613
Wallowa County
Chartered: March 22, 1923

Location: 63848 Liberty Rd, Joseph
 Meets: 3rd Mon 7 pm
 Mail address: 82835 Weatherman Rd,
 Enterprise 97828
 Rental contact: Juanita/Larry 541-2432-7055

Liberty Grange #613 received its charter on March 22, 1923 and the Grange building was completed in 1927. Following the completion of the hall, Liberty Grange was honored by a dedication ceremony conducted by State Master Palmiter and State Deputy Gekeler. Like many other Granges throughout Oregon, Liberty Grange is in the process of making renovations and repairs to the building itself. Grange members hold fundraisers not only to raise monies for renovations, but to entice members, old and new, to become involved and join Liberty Grange.



 **Wolf Creek Grange #596**
Union County
Organized 1921

Location: 215 E St, North Powder
 Meets: 1st Tues 6:30 pm
 Mail address: PO Box 352, North Powder
 Rental contact: Joyce 541-898-2146



South Fork Grange #605
Wallowa County
Organized 1922 

Location: Lostine
 Meets: 1st Fri 6:30 pm potluck 3rd Fri 6:30 pm
 Lostine Community Center
 Mail address: PO Box 95, Lostine 97857

The South Fork Grange was organized on December 20, 1922. South Fork was instrumental in getting the county Livestock Shipping Association started and the County Ag Agent and Brand Inspector. They are supporters of the local 4-H and FFA and the youth of the county.

In 2003 Wallowa Grange disbanded and their members who demitted to South Fork. The Wallowa Grange hall was sold and the money put on hold in the State Grange for South Fork to use in upkeep on their hall. Their hall burned in February 2014. They currently meet in the Lostine Community Center and are looking for property to buy and then rebuild their hall.



 **Spray Grange #940**
Wheeler County
Organized 1954

Location: 807 Winlock St, Spray
 Meets: 1st Thurs 1 pm
 Mail address: PO Box 174, Spray 97874
 Rental contact: Jim 541-468-2182



Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss

Lexington Grange #726 had a fun, family friendly afternoon celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday and Read Across America Day on Sunday, March 1st by putting on a Dr. Seuss Movie, "Horton Hears a Who." In good movie watching tradition, popcorn and drinks were available for the kids and the adults. Viewers could sit on chairs or many of the young ones brought pillows and blanket to lay on the floor for comfortable movie watching. After listening to a reading of the story it was movie watching time.

The entry fee for the event was to bring a book or \$1.00. The proceeds went to two of the local school libraries, Heppner Elementary and Ione Elementary schools. They were able to donate many books to the schools and would like to do this as an annual event to help their local school libraries.

Everyone who came said it was a fun afternoon!



Twenty books were donated to the two local elementary school libraries, Heppner and Ione.

Easter Potluck And Egg Hunt Held At Unfinished Grange Hall

A community tradition once again was held at Ash Butte Grange Hall. It was Easter morning in 2012 when the hall burned to the ground. Since then the community has gradually worked at building a new Grange hall at the old site thanks to donations and the help of volunteers. The building still needs siding and interior walls as well as septic and electric hookups, but local residents eagerly renewed an annual tradition.


On Easter Sunday, the community held an Easter egg hunt and potluck at the site after the 10am church service at the nearby Ashwood Community Church. Many people attended the Easter holiday gathering which included residents from Madras and other Central Oregon towns as well as family members who have moved away but return for the event.

GROW Club To Help With 5th Degree At State

The GROW Club has been asked to step up and help with the 5th degree exemplification at the upcoming state convention on Wednesday evening July 1st. District 6 has some members for the team but cannot fill all the positions.

Brother John Fine is organizing the team so GROW Club members please contact him and let him know you can help.

Contact him at: 541-673-0369 or johnandpeggyfine@charter.net



Subordinate Granges

Please remember to add the names, addresses and ages of your new Junior members to the back of the quarterly report.

Thurston Grange #853 Makes Potlucks The Thing to Go To

This year the Thurston Grange is turning over a new leaf. Their potlucks have gone from two or three members in attendance to having as many as twenty-two present the last few months. They are doing their best to let the community know that their Grange is a thing to be proud of and not just a building. Some of their guests have taken home materials about the Grange and how to become a member said Kent LeManquais, Master of Thurston Grange.

making "Pots of Gold" lapel pins for all who come.

During Grange Awareness Month in April they have a great open house in the making. The positive effect that their Grange has on the communities and local



Coby Moore and Thurston's Junior member, Paul Martin enjoyed the February potluck.

Thurston Grange of Springfield, Oregon is making their potlucks the thing to go to, where neighbors can have a great time and develop a close fellowship with their community for 2015.

They were excited to report that they had a great turnout to start the year at their January potluck. They had 22 in attendance and only 8 of them were their own members. The February potluck was very enjoyable and had another nice attendance with a large drawing pot, so everyone got something to take home. Lecturer Karen LeManquais had made table center wreaths and all the visitors got to take one home. Her program also included a Valentine's Day trivia game. One of the guests said that Thurston's potlucks this year have been great and they are going to come again. They had a lot of fun.

charities will be highlighted. They will have guest speakers talking about how their donations are a big help for their communities. They will of course include a potluck with their open house as well as door prizes, drawings, and a program. One of the charities they raise funds for is Doernbecher Children's Hospital. May 29th and 30th is their community sale. All donations and table rentals will go to the Children's Hospital. If you are in the Eugene area, watch for them on KEZ19 News. Let's watch and see Thurston grow in membership.

For their March potluck they were going with an Irish feel. Karen is



Thurston members and guests enjoyed the February potluck.



Please remember to send pictures and articles of your Grange month activities and other events like Easter Egg Hunts to the Bulletin by May 10th to be included in the June edition.

2015 Oregon State Grange Convention Meal Ticket Order Form Pendleton Convention Center

Name: _____

Grange Name & No.: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Sunday dinner and Monday through Thursday lunches are available for purchase. The meals are on site at Pendleton Convention Center unless otherwise noted. Tuesday morning's breakfast location TBA.

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 Session. Mail to: Val Richmond ~ 3809 Clark Boulevard ~ Ontario, Oregon 97914

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

Day	Meal	Menu	Adult Banquet \$19.50 each Adult Lunches @ \$13.50 each Child* Banquet @ \$11.50 ea Child Lunches \$9.00 ea		
			# of tickets	per ticket cost	Daily \$ Total
Sun 6/28	Kickoff Banquet	"Pendleton Special Welcome BBQ Chicken Dinner" BBQ chicken breasts & quarters, 2 salads, baked beans, potatoes, dessert	x	\$19.50	
			x	\$11.50	
Mon 6/29	Foundation Luncheon	"Italian Spaghetti Bar" - Spaghetti w/ home made Marinara sauce, Caesar salad, 2nd salad, brownies	x	\$13.50	
			x	\$9.00	
	Youth Dinner	"So You Want To Start A Grange Youth Program" special conference Soup, salad and cookies 100 tickets available	x	Free	
Tue 6/30	Grange Benefits Breakfast - location TBA			Free	
	GWA Luncheon	"Baked Potato Bar" Baked potatoes w/ toppings (Chili, broccoli, bacon, cheese, sour cream) salad, dessert	x	\$13.50	
Wed 7/1	Membership Luncheon	"Fajita Station" Chicken Fajitas, Spanish rice, refried beans, 2 salads, dessert	x	\$13.50	
			x	\$9.00	
Thu 7/2	Youth Luncheon	Off site at First Christian Church 215 N. Main Pendleton, OR 97801 Chicken, baked beans, coleslaw, brownie	x	\$9.00	
* Child apply to those 12 and under					
Grand \$ Total					

**Orders must be received by June 1st.
No tickets available on site.**



Mainstays Maintain Venerable Union Hill Grange

Fine February weather greeted Milton Folkestad on his 97th birthday last Friday. Fine enough that the Union Hill Grange member met up with friends and a visiting niece from Washington and headed over to Grand Ronde to enjoy a Spirit Mountain dinner. The rendezvous added another stellar day to the Folkestad's rich life, a piece of which is attached to the Union Hill community and its venerable Grange. The weekend before Folkestad was at the Grange, attending its annual fundraiser while enjoying a soup dinner with some mighty tasty pie. "He turns 97 today, and you'd think he's about 50," said Mary Ann Scott, who oversees Union Hill Grange activities. "He puts in a garden every year... He's a World War II veteran; one of the few left."

Scott said Folkestad represents WWII veterans each year in the Albany Veterans Day parade. He's also among the tried-and-true, long-standing Grange members who are the mainstays and the maintainers of the rustic rural-Sublimity site, located just off Silver Falls Highway. Included among the long-timers are Scott, 83, her husband Guy, 84, and Marjorie White, 87. Curiously, the Grange is also popular with the younger set as evident by the 14 weddings slated to take place there this year. Grange members would like to see that popularity extend into membership and involvement.

"We need some younger blood to pick up and carry on," said Scott, who noted that the fundraising event netted roughly \$2,500 to help with vital maintenance priorities at the Grange. White agreed. "These old communities are pretty sturdy," she said. "But you can't have all white heads; you have to have some brown heads too."

Nonetheless, the seasoned Grange community members pooled their collective resources to put together another memorable annual event, with dozens of pies and raffle activity that extended for hours. "My goodness, (raffle items) were all across the stage on the floor; all the way down to the outside — full of stuff," said White, itemizing winnings that ranged from oil changes to nursery baskets donated in large part by area merchants. "It went on for 2-to-3 hours; people didn't want it to stop."

White said Scott's pies were also popular, and no small part of the event's success. "I guess I'm known for my lemon pies," Scott said modestly. "I have a recipe that people say is to die for. I had a lot of help," she added, noting that the process involves making the crust with just the right touch and texture one day and then following through with filling and baking the next. "I've done it for years," she said. "It takes two days to do it, but you have fresh pies that way."

Scott noted that rental events such as the weddings will keep the Grange going. But a renewed interest with younger members would be a welcome boon as well. "We're able to take care of a lot of necessary maintenance (with the fundraiser)," she said. "The rentals will help to pay our bills for the year. There's no sense in us working ourselves to death."

In fact, with a little extra help, Scott may relax a bit and hand down some responsibilities for future Union Hill fundraisers — maybe even hand down a lemon pie recipe in the process.

Written by Justin Much of the Stayton Mail., published February 26, 2015. Reprinted with permission.



London Grange #937 members were "cooking it up" at the Cottage Grove VFW monthly breakfast held on the first Sunday. Left to right: Alice Nowicki, Ken Schwieger, Deb Wiskow, Madisen Wiskow, Dennis Chapman, and Mona Coonrod.

Update on the Situation With the California State Grange

Many Oregon Grangers have asked the state office about the status of the California State Grange. The following is a letter sent to all the Granges in California from the National Grange Executive Committee. The OSG State office is sharing this with you in hopes it will help answer your questions.



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March 5, 2015

Brothers and Sisters,

There has been a lot of legal action in California over the past several months. If you have any questions about what is happening, please review the documents that the re-organized California State Grange has placed on their website and draw your own conclusions.

The current legal battle may be described by some with inflammatory or graphic language, but the situation is pretty-straightforward.

The National Grange can issue charters to members who want to start State Granges. It is our obligation to monitor Grange activity across the country to make sure it lives up to the standards we all believe in. If a State Grange falters for any reason, that Charter can be revoked, and the National Grange can help members in that state reorganize their State Grange. In fact, on January 15, 2015 Judge Brown stated in his ruling, "Luttrell was required by the organization's rules to monitor McFarland's conduct as Master of the State Grange."

These have been our rules for over 140 years. We rarely have had to invoke them, but when we do it is with the upmost seriousness and thought and within the procedure as described in the Digest.

For good cause, the Charter of the California State Grange was suspended in September 2012 and then revoked in April 2013 as required by the rules of the Grange. No Charter or legal status of a Community or Pomona Grange was affected and no California Grange memberships were negatively impacted by those actions. In November of 2013, eight Californians placed their name on a letter of disaffiliation, removing themselves from the Grange organization. These individuals have every right to leave our organization, they do not, however, speak for the entire California State Grange. That is why in July of 2014, representatives of California Granges, assembled with the National Master, requested reorganization of the California State Grange. This reorganization was completed with new leadership elected by Californians.

And to be clear, no other Grange members in California have had their membership in the Grange affected by the letter of disaffiliation or the action to reorganize the State Grange.

The individuals who voluntarily left the Grange, in fact any Grange member across the country, cannot take Grange property with them if they choose to leave. And that is what has happened here. If you choose to leave an organization, you cannot take with you the property that thousands of people have donated over the last hundred plus years.

That is the law in California and in the Digest of the National Grange and also makes common sense. The California State Grange accumulated property, assets and good will long before Mr. McFarland joined it, and he needs to

Springwater Grange #263 Holds Successful Scholarship Pie Auction



Springwater Grange auctioned of more than 70 pies and raised \$5,353 at their Scholarship Pie Auction on Friday, February 27th.

give it back. The property belongs to the Grange and not to anyone who chooses to disaffiliate with the organization. Unfortunately we have to engage in a legal battle just to enforce these common sense rules.

As National Master, Ed Luttrell stated in his declaration to the court: "... the National Grange does not hold title to the property of the lower levels of The Grange. Such property generally has been accumulated by Grange members over long periods of time; the individual members change as the years go by, as some individuals pass away or withdraw from their Grange while other individuals join and become new members. The rules set forth in the Digest of Laws ensure that Grange property will always be retained and used for the general purposes of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry, regardless of any changes in membership. Accordingly, a State Grange (or any other Grange) holds title to and is the steward of its property, and is entitled to full use of that property so long as the Digest of Laws is observed and obeyed."

Mr. McFarland and those who chose to disaffiliate with the Grange originally claimed that there were conflicts between state and/or federal law and Grange rules. There are no such conflicts. In any event, Mr. McFarland never requested a ruling from the appropriate Grange authority, nor did he ever submit a resolution to change our rules to address any supposed conflicts. He and several other then-members of the California State Grange's Executive Committee simply claimed that they were not subject to the rules of the Grange. They left taking Grange property, donations accumulated over many years and our good name with them.

The current legal matter is very simple, but also a very important test of the American principle that organizations can have meaningful and binding rules. The National Grange seeks only to enforce that principle and see that the Grange property taken by Mr. McFarland and his allies is returned to the Californians now running your re-organized California State Grange. If we get your property back, this can all go away, it is their choice.

There is no effort or intention by the National Grange to take property in California. Our only aim is to get California property back and give it to the Californians who are chartered to use it. It is our duty to ensure that those members are good stewards of Grange property, not act like it's their personal property. It will be their obligation to keep the property in good care and make sure it can be handed down to our children and theirs. We believe they will.

If you have any questions concerning these issues, please contact any of us.

Fraternaly Yours,

Edward L. Luttrell, Master

Jimmy Gentry, Overseer

F. Philip Prelli, Executive Committee Chair

Duane R. Scott, Ex. Committee Sec.

Joseph W. Fryman, Executive Committee

Leroy Watson, Executive Committee

Crow Grange Plans For Their Annual Mother's Day Breakfast

Come join Crow Grange for their annual Mother's Day Breakfast on Sunday May 10th from 8-11 am. They will be serving pancakes or biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, ham or sausage, juice and coffee; all of this for a suggested donation of \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 12 and under. They will have roses for the Mothers to make them smile. They are looking forward

to seeing you at the Grange.

They will also be having a Father's Day Breakfast on Sunday June 21st, same time and menu as Mother's Day. They would like to spoil the Dads a little as well, so there will probably be some kind of sporting event on the radio. Hope to see you at the Grange.





Secretary's Column

Alice Nowicki
Secretary ~ Oregon State Grange
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I recently came across a quote, "Always be nice to secretaries. They are the real gatekeepers in the world." As the Grange gatekeepers, we have many duties and deadlines.

Our Grange world has many deadlines in the spring. Be sure to check the Oregon State Grange web page for these deadlines. Scrolling down the calendar will give you the deadlines for scholarships, Community Service Yearbook, reports, youth activities, and other important events. Make this your monthly habit.

We all know the importance of record keeping but do we do it completely? Take a moment and check over your records. One area that is always changing is correct spelling of names and correct addresses. Verify and correct as necessary. Be sure to submit these corrections to the Oregon State Grange Office.

Another very important item is to be sure to read all correspondence that you receive from the Oregon State Grange Office. This correspondence will assist you with your duties and deadlines.

QUARTERLY REPORTS

The Quarterly Report tends to be challenging to complete. Try to simplify this task by remembering that the front side (which comes already completed for you) is the past and you can't change the past. Think of the back side (which you complete) as the present which you have the power to change. Remember do not make any changes on the front of this report. List all changes in membership, officers and addresses on the back side. Always make a copy of this form and your check for your records. Sign and seal the report and mail it in by the due date listed on the report.

STATE SESSION DELEGATE

It's that time of year again! The Oregon State Session is coming up at the end of June. Your Grange will be receiving the paperwork to complete for registering your State Session delegates. This paperwork can be submitted at State Session by the delegate or mailed in ahead of time. Be sure to check the form for deadline dates.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

The volunteer of the year nomina-

tions are due May 1st. Mail completed forms to the address on the form. Be sure to read over carefully the correct procedures in submitting your volunteer.

2014 HONOR GRANGE

The 2014 Honor Grange reports were due March 31, 2015. I hope that all remembered to submit their reports. Look for the new 2015 Honor Grange packets in your mail. The form looks intimidating but it really is easy to complete. Ask another officer in your Grange to assist you with tracking the information as your Grange reports are given.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Hopefully, you have sent all the necessary notifications regarding your member's dues. The 3rd notice "intent to Suspend" should have been sent out prior to your March meeting. Members with unpaid dues at this time can be listed on the 1st Quarter Membership Report as being dropped for Non Payment of Dues (NPD). Remember that a member must be in arrears for one quarter to be dropped. Since your Quarterly report is not read and adopted until your April meeting, a member can pay by March 31st and still retain their membership. After your April meeting, you then can notify the member with a "Notice of Suspension" that informs them they have been officially removed from the membership rolls. Check the By-Laws for special situations and how to handle them.

RESOLUTIONS

Encourage the members of your Grange to write a resolution for State Session. Check out the State Grange web site for information on creating a resolution. Remember resolutions are due by May 30th be sure to sign and place your Grange's seal on the resolution before submitting it.

SECRETARY'S CONFERENCE

I will be holding a conference at State Session, on Monday, June 29th, 7:00-8:00 pm. Hope to see all of you there. I would love to hear from you as to what topics you would like to receive more information or clarification on. Contact me by e-mail with your suggestions or concerns.

alice.nowicki@yahoo.com.



Lane County "Plays" Again

It is play time again in Lane County. Eight Subordinate Granges have been busy practicing their one-act plays and show time is almost here. Each night there are three plays staged, one from the host (marked with H on schedule) Grange and the other two from visiting Granges. Each Grange hosts once and visits a couple of time.

Each of the eight nights starting on Monday April 13 at Crow Grange ending at Goshen on May 2nd of the scheduled run has a different mix of Granges. For more information and show times contact Lane Pomona Lecturer Pat Heard patheard83@gmail.com or 541-729-1391.

April 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Easter Sunday				Pomona Practice		Pomona
12	13 Crows-11 Goshen MacMikentale	14	15	16	17	18 Irving-11 Crow Crows-11
19	20	21	22 London-11 Irving Crows-11	23 MacMikentale-11 Irving Wallsville	24	25 Crows-11 London Crow
26	27 Irving-11 MacMikentale Goshen	28	29	30 Wallsville-11 London Irving		May 4 Goshen-11 Wallsville Irving

It's Play Time Again at Springwater Grange

The Springwater Players of Springwater Grange are at it again. This year's play is "I Don't Have A Clue" a Craig Sodaro play put on with permission of Brooklyn Publishing. Over an eight day time period, four performances will be available ranging from two dinner theaters, a matinee and a dessert theater. One is sure to fit your schedule and appetite.

Wallens Rd, Estacada, Oregon. For dinner reservations please call 503-630-6238

This play about dinner and murder is scheduled as follows:

- Friday April 10th 6:30pm
Dinner Theater \$15.00
- Saturday April 10th 6:30pm
Dinner Theater \$15.00
- Sunday April 12th 2pm
Matinee \$10.00
- Friday April 17th 7pm
Dessert Theater \$10.00

All performances are at the Springwater Grange Hall 24591

Degree Team Members Needed For First Four Degrees at Convention

There is still room for those wishing to be involved in the exemplification of the first four degrees of the order. Team Captain Brother Ed Luttrell is attempting to form two teams, a first and second degree team and a third and fourth team. Any member wishing to participate on a team needs to contact Ed. Both speaking and nonspeaking parts are available. No experience is needed, only the willingness to learn.




Contact: Ed Luttrell, 19929 E. Victory Ln, Sandy, OR 97055
grangeleader@gmail.com
503-680-4134

UPCOMING POMONA GRANGE MEETINGS

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

Pomona	Date	Time	Meeting Place
Baker #24	May 2	10:30 AM	New Bridge #789
Benton #36	April 18	10:30 AM	TBA
Clackamas #1	April 25	10:00 AM	Maplewood #662
Columbia #18	May 2	10:00 AM	Deer Island #947
Coos-Curry-West Coast #30	April 25	10:00 AM	Ada #570
Deschutes #25	May 9	10:00 AM	Lookout Mountain #741
Douglas #13	April 25	6:00 PM	Riversdale #731
Jackson #27		10:00 AM	TBA
Josephine #20	May 30	10:00 AM	Deer Creek #371
Lane #14	April 11	10:00 AM	Central #360
Lincoln #10	May 16	10:30 AM	TBA
Linn #12	April 11	10:00 AM	Santiam Valley #828
Marion #4	April 18	10:00 AM	Macleay #233
Multnomah #15			TBA
Polk #3	April 18	10:00 AM	Rickreall #671
Tillamook #9	April 18	10:30 AM	TBA
Umatilla #26	April 25	10:30 AM	Lexington #726
Wallowa #22	April 11	10:00 AM	Hurricane Creek #608
Washington-Yamhill #2	April 25	10:00 AM	Aloha #773



**The
Chaplain's Corner**

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Chaplain ~ Oregon State Grange

Dear Brothers and Sisters, I came across an Easter Story I thought you might enjoy as much as I do.

An Inspirational Easter Story

Jeremy was born with a twisted body, a slow mind, and a chronic, terminal illness that had been slowly killing him all his young life. Still, his parents had tried to give him as normal a life as possible and had sent him to St. Theresa's Elementary School.

At the age of 12, Jeremy was only in second grade, seemingly unable to learn. His teacher, Doris Miller, often became exasperated with him. He would squirm in his seat, drool and make grunting noises. At other times, he spoke clearly and distinctly, as if a spot of light had penetrated the darkness of his brain. Most of the time, however, Jeremy irritated his teacher. One day, she called his parents and asked them to come to St. Teresa's for a consultation.

As the Forresters sat quietly in the empty classroom, Doris said to them, "Jeremy really belongs in a special school. It isn't fair to him to be with younger children who don't have learning problems. Why, there is a five-year gap between his age and that of the other students!"

Mrs. Forrester cried softly into a tissue while her husband spoke. "Miss Miller," he said, "there is no school of that kind nearby. It would be a terrible shock for Jeremy if we had to take him out of this school. We know he really likes it here."

Doris sat for a long time after they left, staring at the snow outside the window. Its coldness seemed to seep into her soul. She wanted to sympathize with the Forresters. After all, their only child had a terminal illness. But it wasn't fair to keep him in her class. She had 18 other youngsters to teach, and Jeremy was a distraction. Furthermore, he would never learn to read and write. Why waste any more time trying?

As she pondered the situation, guilt washed over her. "Oh God," she said aloud, "here I am complaining when my problems are nothing compared with that poor family! Please help me to be more patient with Jeremy."

From that day on, she tried hard to ignore Jeremy's noises and his blank stares. Then one day he limped to her desk, dragging his bad leg behind him.

"I love you, Miss Miller," he exclaimed, loud enough for the whole class to hear. The other students snickered, and Doris's face turned red. She stammered, "Wh-why, that's very nice, Jeremy. Now please take your seat."

Spring came, and the children talked excitedly about the coming of Easter. Doris told them the story of Jesus, and then to emphasize the idea of new life springing forth, she gave each of the children a large plastic egg. "Now," she said to them, "I want you to take this home and bring it back tomorrow with something inside that shows new life. Do you understand?"

"Yes, Miss Miller!" the children responded enthusiastically—all except for Jeremy. He just listened intently, his eyes never left her face. He did not even make his usual noises. Had he understood what she had said about Jesus' death and resurrection? Did he understand the assignment? Perhaps she should call his parents and explain the project to them.

That evening, Doris's kitchen sink stopped up. She called the landlord and waited an hour for him to come by and unclog it. After that, she still had to shop for groceries, iron a blouse, and prepare a vocabulary test for the next day. She completely forgot about phoning Jeremy's parents.

The next morning, 19 children came to school, laughing and talking as they placed their eggs in the large wicker basket on Miss Miller's desk. After they completed their math lesson, it was time to open the eggs.

In Memoriam

Audrey Nyoda Kerr
Central Point Grange #698

Carmen Kohlhipp
Liberty Grange #613

Dale Holcomb
Eagle Valley Grange #656

Jack McKenna
Mt Vernon Grange #659

Richard Hammond
Hurricane Creek Grange #608

Linda Ann Trigg
Myrtle Grange #289

Charlotte Lindsley
Illinois Valley Grange #370

Vernon Huntsucker
Sunnyridge Grange #898

Archie Breneman
Keizer Grange #785

Helen Cobb
Sutherlin Community Grange #724

Delmer Beck
Kellogg Grange #811

May Ellen Mowrey
Warren Grange #536

Olin Clark
Lacomb Grange #907

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.

In the first egg, Doris found a flower. "Oh yes, a flower is certainly a sign of new life," she said. "When plants peek through the ground, we know that spring is here."

A small girl in the first row waved her arms. "That's my egg, Miss Miller," she called out.

The next egg contained a plastic butterfly, which looked very real. Doris held it up. "We all know that a caterpillar changes and grows into a beautiful butterfly. Yes, that is new life, too"

Little Judy smiled proudly and said, "Miss Miller, that one is mine!"

Next, Doris found a rock with moss on it. She explained that moss, too, showed life. Billy spoke up from the back of the classroom. "My daddy helped me!" he beamed.

Then Doris opened the fourth egg. She gasped. The egg was empty! Surely it must be Jeremy's, she thought, and, of course, he did not understand her instructions. If only she had not forgotten to phone his parents. Because she did not want to embarrass him, she quietly set the egg aside and reached for another.

Suddenly Jeremy spoke up. "Miss Miller, aren't you going to talk about my egg?"

Flustered, Doris replied, "But Jeremy — your egg is empty!"

He looked into her eyes and said softly, "Yes, but Jesus' tomb was empty too!"

Time stopped. When she could speak again, Doris asked him, "Do you know why the tomb was empty?"

"Oh, yes!" Jeremy exclaimed. "Jesus was killed and put in there. Then his Father raised him up!"

The recess bell rang. While the children excitedly ran out to the school yard, Doris cried. The cold inside her melted completely away.

Three months later, Jeremy died. Those who paid their respects at the mortuary were surprised to see 19 eggs on top of his casket, all of them empty.

May the Easter Eggs of all your friends and family be empty, too.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and lean not on your own understanding,
acknowledge Him in all your ways,
and He will make your paths straight."
Proverbs 3:5, 6

Grange Youth & Young Adults

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As March comes to a close, we enter into April, and celebrate Grange Month. What is your Grange doing for this celebration? Have you planned your Open House? Reaching out to community members to come and visit your Grange is a membership opportunity waiting to happen.

The FFA Convention was held in Silverton in March. One of the things that the Oregon State Grange wanted to emphasize at the FFA Convention was to try and match up FFA Members with local Granges. Here is another opportunity for your Grange to reach out to community members to gain new Grange members.

I would encourage each Grange to plan an event that features Youth this month. Ask a Youth Member to

make a presentation during your Lecturer's Program. Have your Youth plan an activity or event that will be held outside of your Grange to bring attention to your local Community Grange. Some ideas are: canned food drive, community service project, spruce up the outside of your Grange hall, volunteer at your local United Way office, help out at your local school.

We would love to hear from you as to what your Grange is doing that is new, innovative, and exciting. Together we can share our ideas, and expand our program throughout Oregon.

If you would like assistance with your Youth Program, or need additional information, please give us a call or drop us an email. 541-278-0615.



Ada Grange Juniors (l-r) Tayler Elliott, Terry Elliott and Jordan Williams delivered Valentines to residents of Elderberry Square.

Ada Grange Juniors Spread Cheer on Valentine's Day

The three Junior members of Ada Grange #570 were busy the first part of February making valentines for the local assisted living facility. Then they along with their Junior leader and one member of her committee delivered them to the Elderberry Square Residential & Memory Care unit in Florence on February 14th.





Junior Grange Game Day

Benton Junior Grange and the Oregon State Junior Grange Committee will be hosting a Game Day for all Juniors. Fun for kids ages 5-14. The event will be on Saturday April 11th Fairmount Grange 835 North Albany Rd. NW Albany, Oregon Drop off time is 10am and pickup time is 4pm. (Parents are welcome to stay and enjoy the fun.) Free for all kids!

Activities will include board games, a Pokémon card game tournament, scavenger hunt, cooperative outside games and prizes. Lunch will be included.

Parents/Guardians: RSVP is required. Please email jrdir@orgrange.org to register your child(ren). Please let us know if your child has any allergies or restrictions. If your child requires late drop off or early pickup include that information so we can ensure they get the most fun from the day and are ready to go when you get there.

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Shirts will also be available at state convention in June

Sandy FFA Visits OSG Headquarters

On Thursday March 5th the Sandy FFA Chapter visited the Oregon State Grange office and presented their Agricultural Issues contest presentation on the HSUS (Humane Society of the United States) in preparation for their competition at the Oregon State FFA convention the end of March.

The purpose of this contest is to expose a wide variety of students to the selection, research, planning and presentation of an agricultural issue. The objectives are for students to acquire knowledge and skills in community leadership for present and future use and to become knowledgeable of, and familiar with a variety of local, state, national and international issues facing agriculture.

Additionally, it helps students to understand the principles and fundamentals of agricultural issue analysis and to promote integration of agriculture issue analysis in local

school academic subject matter areas.

The presentation at OSG headquarters accomplished the goal to further the awareness of agricultural issues in the local community as well as meet the requirement to present it several

times. The March presentation was one of six they were required to do before competition.

Follow-up: Sandy FFA placed first at the state FFA convention competition and will represent Oregon in the National competition. Best of luck to them as they go on.



Rebekah Rutledge, Aimee Stuart, Cody Wafford, Sarah Grassl, Avalon Kelly, Tayler Hochstrasser and Taylor Aeh of the Sandy FFA gave their presentation.

Winter Junior Jamborees



Juniors at the jamboree on February 7 at Winona Grange had a great time making a "kids favorite" slime.

Juniors at the jamboree on January 31 at White Eagle Grange created cards and letters for a non-profit group, "Girls Love Mail" which gives the gift of hand-written letters to newly diagnosed breast cancer patients.



Santiam Valley Junior Granger Receives Super JG Award

Riley Reynolds, a Junior member at Santiam Valley Grange was presented with his Super JG Award he earned in 2012 at the Grange's meeting on February 6, 2015 by the Oregon State Grange Gatekeeper Jesse O'Dell. In addition to being a Junior member at Santiam Valley, he is involved with the group in Washington-Yamhill Pomona Grange that is working on organizing a Junior Grange.



The Super JG Award is the highest level of achievement an individual Junior Grange member may obtain. The candidates for this award must demonstrate a superior knowledge of the Junior Grange including the business meetings, ritual, programs, recruitment, community service,



Riley Reynolds was presented with his Super JG Award by his uncle Jesse O'Dell, Oregon State Grange Gatekeeper.

Grange knowledge test, essay and letters of recommendation.

A special pin and certificate is presented to each Junior Grange member who meets requirements. The Super JG applications and documentation will be displayed at the National Grange Session and those receiving the award will be recognized at the Junior Grange Breakfast.

Some point between the National Grange session in Boise, Idaho in 2012 and last winter the award certificate and pin were lost. Lillian Booth, National Grange Junior Director was contacted and a new pin and certificate were issued.

For further information on the Super JG Award check out programs in the Junior section of the National Grange website.

Oregon Junior Granges

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Junior Director ~ Oregon State Grange

I had a lot of fun at White Eagle Grange and Winona Grange hosting Jamborees for the local Juniors in January and February. I can't say enough how clever and amazing these young people are. It was a pleasure to see familiar faces and new and watch everyone work together toward common goals. The kids wrote letters for a non-profit called Girls Love Mail. They worked as teams to build spaghetti towers, learned about communication through blind Lego builds and celebrated with crafts and games. We have just two more districts to visit before State Grange convention and I'm looking forward to having those dates set in the coming weeks. Make sure to check in on our Facebook page for the most up-to-date information.

But of course what is most on my mind right now is our approaching 76th State Junior Session. I hope that many Juniors will be able to attend. We are currently taking appli-

cations for officers. Juniors, if you are thinking of applying for an office make sure you read over the degree when picking your part. Think about what you want to do. Do you like marching? Steward or the Assistant Stewards might be the part for you. How much time will it take to memorize your part? If you already have a full schedule of school and sports, trying to make time to memorize a big part might be a lot. Do you even want a speaking part at all? Several offices, like Treasurer and Executive Committee, while important, do not have speaking parts. All the offices have a purpose so make sure you pick one that fits you.

Also, we are still looking for adult volunteers for the Junior room during state session. You can commit to a day, partial days or the entire week. We will just need to know before the end of April. If you or someone you know would like to help out please reach out to me or Susan Noah.

Washington-Yamhill Juniors Work on Merit Badges

In February Juniors of the Washington-Yamhill Pomona Junior Grange began work on a Presidents Merit Badge. Each Junior picked a former president and recorded information about him. Before the next meeting Juniors are to write a short story, poem, or skit about their president and share their work with the group.



Members voted to gather bottles and cans, recoup the deposit, and bring the money to the March meeting. The goal is to turn in 200 bottles and cans. Members have yet to decide which charity to donate to.

The focus of the March meeting will be learning to sign the alphabet and a song. Not only will Juniors be able

to earn a Manual Alphabet Merit Badge, but also they will be prepared to enter the Junior Signing contest at the State Grange Convention.



This Junior Grange is close to having the thirteen members required to be chartered. 1+ Junior members from other Granges are encouraged to join us on the third Sunday at 2 pm at the Leedy Grange hall (835 Saltzman Rd, Portland 97229, which is Cedar Mill). Whether two or seven Juniors attend, members participate in crafts, games, and hold a meeting to learn the duties of officers, the ritual, and parliamentary procedure. Juniors have learned firsthand that being Master is much harder than it looks.



Washington-Yamhill Pomona meets 3rd Sunday ~ 2pm
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Fairmount Grange
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Lane Pomona meets 2nd Saturday 1-3
Mohawk-McKenzie Grange
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Bailey Barks!



My column this month is being written by my cousin, Tammy.

Hi everyone, Bailey and I see each other a few times a year, and while she gets all the complements cause of her long beautiful hair, I'm the more well behaved cousin. Just ask anyone, even her Mom! You see I'm a Pit Bull mix and people are often afraid of me, although truly I am a nice, sweet dog who is loved and treated great by my Dad. Here are some of the things I would say to all people and all dogs, as words to live by.

Be careful what you say about yourself as labels are powerful. I get labeled as a pit bull and because I look powerful. (Dad says a little overweight at times.) People have heard all the stories about pit bulls so they assume that I will be mean. Be careful what you say about yourself, because it carries weight. If you label yourself stupid, or fat or lazy others will believe it and someday you will believe it to.

Be friendly to everyone, even if it's not reciprocated. When my Aunt comes over (you know her as the State Master) I rush over to greet her and show my enthusiasm. She's fine with it, but others are afraid

because they have heard the stories, but I say be friendly and continue to be friendly even if you do not get the response you were hoping for.

Others' opinion of us do not change who we are. I can be nice to people and they may still be scared of me, but I remain friendly, loving and eager to meet new people. If someone does not approve of you or dislikes you that does not change who you are. It just reflects who they are.

Make up your own mind. People hear stories about my breed and then they are afraid of me, but if they get to know me they realize that I'm just a big sweetheart who likes to snuggle. So make up your own mind. Do not write people off before getting to know them. Learn about them and make up your own mind about how you feel about them.

Mostly be true to what you believe in. Bailey tells me in the Grange you have a passage that reads "Do good, hoping for nothing in return and your reward shall be great. Love one another." Words for any person or dog to live by, don't you think?

Woof,
Tammy and Bailey

2nd Annual Grange to Grange Cruise-N-Ride-Benefit

August 8th, 2015
Beginning and Ending at Crow Grange, Eugene

All Granges in Lane County can participate. Even if your Grange will not be a destination point, your Grange can still participate by having a raffle basket, with a 50/50 (profit) split with OPVA.

How does it work for YOUR Grange?

As soon as your Grange has decided on your raffle's theme, two hundred tickets will be specially printed and supplied to your Grange, and your Grange members can start selling the \$1.00 each raffle tickets. More tickets will be available.

Your Grange's raffle goodie basket will get posted on a web page on the Cruise's web site, including a link back to your Grange's web site. You must supply the information.

Solicit donations for your "goodie basket", and send the receipts of those who wish to receive a 501(c)3 tax receipt for their donation directly to OPVA.

Ask a destination Grange (NOT Crow Grange) to be a "Buddy", and allow YOUR Grangers to set up a table to "man", and sell your Grange's raffle tickets at their Grange on the day of the Cruise.

Bring a table to Crow Grange and have your Grange's raffle display totally set up before 8:45am Saturday August 8th.

Set up to sell your raffle tickets at your "Buddy" (sister) Grange, August 8th from 9am to 2:30pm. Then bring all your sold tickets and money to Crow Grange before 3pm. If the winner of your Grange's raffle is not present to take their winnings home that day, your Grange must take the raffle basket back to your own Grange for the winner to pick up at some other time.

Questions? Email: WinterSpringsRHW@aol.com or: info@Cruise-N-Ride-Benefit.org or call: 541-998-2803.

Fiddlers Celebrate 50 Years

A good time was had by all as evidenced by the foot stomping and hand clapping in the Chetco Grange Community Center Saturday during the 50th anniversary celebration of the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers' Association.

More than two dozen musicians gathered to perform in large groups, in small ensembles and solo for the concert that attracted a full house.

Many of those who played on acoustic instruments were from Brookings, but a few others within the association's District 5, from as far away as Reedsport and Coos Bay, braved high winds to make it to the event.

While the musicians performed on fiddle, guitar, mandolin and even a bouzouki, audience members were free to get up and dance, buy souvenirs and purchase food served by members of the Chetco Grange.

Near the end of the concert, there was a quiet moment to memorialize a fiddlers' association member, Rudy Glen Spence, who died days before the event.

Following a moment of silence, Pat Weyer, district chair, performed "Taps" on the harmonica. Spence's guitars, one draped with his cowboy

hat, were at the foot of the stage in his honor. There was also a poster board with photos provided by the Curry Coastal Pilot and space for people to write their thoughts.

After the event, the board was given to Adam Taylor — who describes himself as being the closest to a relative that Spence had in Brookings — to be given to Silas Pieper, Spence's protégé.

In thanking the Pilot for the photos, association member Michael Mavris said, "The whole event was a quite fitting tribute to Rudy and his contributions to the music scene. The sadness was tempered by the musical feast provided by the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association and one member commented that Rudy was 'probably already up there jamming now with Carl (Rovainen).'"

Rovainen was an association member who played fiddle and banjo at many events, and passed away almost two years ago.

Following the brief memorial, musicians returned to the stage for more performances. The concert was followed by an open jam for any acoustic musicians who wanted to play.

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A full house celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers' Association.



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