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## County Deputies Assist Members In Creating Grange Growth

Eleven County Deputies are currently assigned to nine (9) different counties to serve members of the Oregon State Grange.

All Pomona Masters were contacted earlier this year by the OSG Master asking for recommendations from their district to serve as a County Deputy. Of the 22 Pomonas, 12 Pomona Masters responded.

The current deputies include: Ed Schettig and Dan LeBrun, Clackamas Pomona #1; Fred Riggs, Baker Pomona #24; Linda Dorland, Washington/Yamhill Pomona #2; Ed Anderson, Linn Pomona #12; Judy Gay and Jim Stutz, Lane Pomona #14; Tom Serface, Umatilla Pomona #26; Brinda Stanley, Wallowa Pomona #22; William Waggoner, Josephine Pomona #20 and Jimmy Mitchell, West Coast Pomona #39.

The appointment of County Deputies by the OSG Master was approved by the delegates at the 2006 State Session. The resolution stipulated that the deputies be appointed annually to serve until the next State Session. Supervisory responsibility for all deputies is in all cases to remain with the OSG Master. County Deputy supplies are to be paid by the respective Pomona Granges.

A second resolution approved in 2006 stated that County Deputies will receive no mileage reimbursement when traveling within their own counties (or district) unless

approved and paid by the respective Pomona Grange.

National Grange has published a booklet entitled "Grange Deputy Handbook", which explains the duties of deputies. Deputies are to inform the state master of any Grange action or proposed action that is contrary to Grange law. They are to report to the state master on the general health of the Granges in their area and to assist with the organization of a new Grange or reorganization of a dormant Grange.

OSG By-Laws also allow County Deputies to examine the records of the Subordinate/Community Granges in their respective districts and see that the books are properly kept.

Grangers are also reminded that John Knox, Forest Grove Grange #282 in Washington County, and Derrell Witty, Hurricane Creek #608 in Wallowa County serve in paid positions as State Deputies. They have traveled extensively throughout the state to assist Granges and have helped secure Grange property in cases where the Grange has become dormant. They have also been a vital part of the reorganization of Granges such as Elkhorn #908, Baker County and Rockwall #679 in Union County.

Larry Rea, Fern Hill #592 in Columbia County, serves as Assistant to the Master with his main duty to market dormant Grange properties.

Any Pomona Master without a County Deputy can still recommend an appointment by contacting OSG Master Phyllis Wilson at 503-316-0106 or email her at [phyllisw@orgrange.org](mailto:phyllisw@orgrange.org)

## The Master's Column

"Why can't we just get along?" I often heard this statement before becoming your State Master and now I ask myself that same question frequently when I receive calls from Grange members who are upset or concerned because a Grange Brother or Sister is doing – or not doing – something that should – or should not – be done. Some of these concerns are no more than personality conflicts – quite often a power struggle between members. Dealing with personalities is a tough task. There are no easy answers.

Our obligation taken, when becoming Grange members, carefully spells out that we will "not knowingly wrong or defraud a Brother or Sister of the Order or allow it to be done by another if within my power to prevent it". In my book, calling your Brother or Sister a liar, spreading gossip about one of them, making derogatory comments about them or a member of their family, demanding that a Master remove a Grange member, making insulting remarks about the way the officers of the Oregon State Grange or the National Grange conduct business...these all appear to me to be a violation of our obligation.

There are procedures for dealing with violations of our obligations. As Grange members each one of us should be familiar with these procedures. If you do not know, ask your Master for a copy of the OSG By-Laws or the National Digest. Call me – I can explain the process to you and provide you with pages from the By-Laws and Digest.

The National Digest states that: "We propose meeting together, talking together, working together and, in general, acting together for our mutual protection and advancement. We shall constantly strive to secure harmony, good will...We shall earnestly endeavor to suppress personal...prejudices, all unhealthy rivalry and all selfish ambition."

### Team Work

Could this be referred to as team work? You betcha!!! The

Master is the coach and provides the leadership and inspiration and the members compose the team. In our case, the team has to be represented by a minimum of seven – with specific duties – at each "game" or meeting. If you do not have the seven members present, you do not play the game that month! If you do not play the required number of "games" in the season, you are out of the league. If you want to be a player on the team, you follow the rules. It is just that simple!!

### Love Us or Leave Us

If our by-laws, traditions, protocol and ritual are just more than you can tolerate, perhaps you should seek another organization. If you believe in our organization but feel changes are necessary, write constructive resolutions to start the process for changes. You will get no where by just complaining to members, your Master, the Pomona Master, County Deputy, State Master or National Grange Master. Put your thoughts and desires into writing, attend your local and county Grange meetings, go to State Session. Sitting around your Grange hall and moaning and groaning will not get you very far. Become a positive and informed member!

### Change is Good

If you have served your Grange in the same office for years and years and are tired and just do the mechanics of the job and do not put your heart and soul into your work, you should think about turning your duties over to someone who will have a positive approach to the tasks. It will do your Grange good and, probably, you too.

### State Officer Nominations

The nomination forms for OSG officers were due in the state office by 5 p.m. Monday, October 5. As of June 30, 2009 there were 188 Granges in Oregon. As of 5 p.m. October 5, we had 49 Granges submit the nomination forms. Did the USPS lose the other 139 forms? Is it time to seriously pursue a change in the manner in which we nominate and elect our officers? Is it time for your Grange to start writing resolutions to maybe accomplish this change?

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## Nominations for State Officers

### Master

**Larry Rea, Fern Hill #592, Columbia County**

Winchester Bay #906, Azalea #786, Midland #781, Spencer Creek #855, Forest Grove #282, Hurricane Creek #608, Sutherlin Community #724, Rockwall #679, Fern Hill #592, Elkhorn #908, Frogpond #111

**Phyllis Wilson, Greenacres #834, Coos County**

Willakenzie #498, Fair Oaks Community #684, Phoenix #779, Ada #570, Deer Creek #371, Mohawk McKenzie #747, Boulevard #389, Abernethy #346, Fairfield #720, Gold Hill #534, Dorena #835, Illinois Valley #370, Springwater #263, Greenacres #834, London #937

**John Knox, Forest Grove #282, Washington County**

Warren #536,

**Mark Noah, Mohawk-McKenzie #747 & Four Oaks #528, both Lane County**

Beavercreek #276, Crow #450, Clarkes #261,

**Malcolm Trupp, Spencer Creek #855, Lane County**

North Howell #274, Lacombe #907,

**Ben Boswell, South Fork #605, Wallowa County**

Griffin Creek #848,

**Carol Everman, Beaver Valley #306, Columbia County**

Pleasant Valley #348, Goldson #868, Scholls #338, Redmond #812, Walterville #416,

**Wayne Johnston, Keizer #785, Marion County**

Woodburn #79,

**Don MacKinnon, Springwater #263, Clackamas County**

Columbia #867,

**Celia Luttrell, Boring-Damascus #260 & Sunnyside #842, both Clackamas County**

The Sandy #392,

**Joyce Parker, Colton-Foothills #831, Clackamas County**

Eagle Creek #297, Colton-Foothills #831,

### Overseer

**Mark Noah, Mohawk-McKenzie #747 & Four Oaks #528, both Lane County**

Winchester Bay #906, Willakenzie #498, Fair Oaks Community #684, Warren Grange #536, North Howell #274, Phoenix #779, Lacombe #907, Pleasant Valley #348, Midland #781, Ada #570, Deer Creek #371, Goldson #868, Scholls #338, Spencer Creek #855, Mohawk-McKenzie #747, Redmond #812, Walterville #416, Boulevard #389, Abernethy #346, Fairfield #720, Gold Hill #534, Columbia #867, Dorena #835, The Sandy #392, Illinois Valley #370, Springwater #263, Eagle Creek #297, Greenacres #834, London #937

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Griffin Creek #848, Woodburn #79,

**Phil Van Buren, Jasper #532, Lane County; Midland #781, Klamath County**

Crow #450,

**Carol Everman, Beaver Valley #306, Columbia County**

Clarkes #261, Forest Grove #282,

**Louise Holst, Midland #781, Klamath County**

Hurricane Creek #608, Dorena #835,

**Joyce Parker, Colton-Foothills #831, Clackamas County**

Frogpond #111

### Lecturer

**Myrna Colvin, Terrebonne #663, Deschutes County**

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**Kendell Phillips, Illinois Valley #370, Josephine County**

Willakenzie Grange #498, Mohawk McKenzie #747,

**Rebecca Breier, Sunnydale #877, Douglas County**

Midland #781,

**Jan Petroski, Woodburn #79, Marion County**

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**Cathy Mann, Greenacres #834, Coos County**

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**Louise Holst, Midland #781, Klamath County**

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**Keith Colvin, Terrebonne #663, Deschutes County**

Fair Oaks Community #684,

**Wayne Cabler, Central Point #698, Jackson County**

Crow #450,

**Malcolm Bruce Lathrop, South Fork #605, Wallowa County**

Hurricane Creek #608,

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## Minutes of the June 6, 2009 Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee meeting opened at 8:12 with all members present, along with State Deputy John Knox and Special Assistant to the Master, Larry Rea. The opening prayer was offered by Master Phyllis Wilson.

The minutes of the April 19<sup>th</sup> meeting were read and corrected. Derrell moved to approve as corrected, seconded by Malcolm and motion was carried.

### Communications:

Grange report prepared by Jan Oleson was distributed and discussed. Keating Grange owes dues money from 2005 when they became dormant. That money will be transferred from the Dormant Grange fund into our dues per the motion made in April.

Clarann Witty joined us to speak about the 2009 session. Everything seems to be progressing well. Phyllis reminded everyone that we cannot get in to the center until Sunday morning at 7:00 am. The state will be borrowing the Lane Pomona trailer and will need it here on Wednesday before the session. Phyllis asked for volunteers to help with the trailer and loading, unloading, etc. John and Don will help load on Wednesday. Mark will unload the Pomona stuff and Malcolm will haul to Salem on Wednesday morning. Mark will pull the trailer over to Pendleton and back.

Scottie Dickson joined us to present the investment changes implemented by the Investment Committee. The Investment Committee met on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Scottie presented a proposal to us for the investment accounts. Don moved that the Master be authorized to sign all paperwork from LPL Financial to initiate the account set up with LPL, Derrell seconded and the motion was carried. We then moved on to discussing the change in our asset allocation.

Susan moved to accept the Proposed Balance Sheet with the following changes: The Dormant Grange Fund be moved to the Reaper Section and the Talent Travel Fund be moved to the Gleaner Section. The two general funds be deleted from the

Investors section and placed in the liabilities and equities, and a "holding" account be established in their place. In the assets section the Special CD be moved to the Investments and the remaining money be taken from the Bank of America Account to balance. Further, that the "Investment accounts" and the "Shareholders" be rebalanced at least once a quarter. Don seconded. Motion carried.

Susan moved that we deposit \$200,000 with LPL Financial with the money to come from \$150,000 from the Wells Fargo Account, the monies currently in the two small B of A accounts (approx \$10,000), the monies at the OIFCU and the remaining money from the checking account, Mark seconded and the motion was carried.

December Financials – updated, Susan has updated the investment income for each of the funds.

Grove, Mueller and Swank has sent out a letter regarding our 2008 financials and tax return. They stated their fee this year would probably be about \$6,500.

### National Grange:

We received a letter dated 6/4/09 regarding Name Protection, New Grange Teamspeak and pledges made by the State Masters regarding growth in their states. The National Grange efforts to protect the Grange name have been defined as follows: 1) Build on current successes. Each success bolsters our position in our negotiating with others who are either filing or infringing on our name. 2) Continue to address unauthorized users of our Grange name. 3) Advance Federal legislation. 4) File new trademark applications for food-related goods and services. The new Grange Teamspeak will be on the last Thursday of each month, the Worthy National Master is hoping each state will promote this. Regarding the pledges, the National Master wants an update from each state on their progress. So far we have 3 reorganizations, 5 revitalized and 1 Junior Grange organized.

Delegate to National – The National session will be November 17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> in Michigan. Mark will be the second delegate.

Following lunch we were joined by representatives from Colton Foothills Grange. They are trying to establish a 501 (c) 3 for their food bank. They have inadvertently been using the State Grange Federal ID number and are acting under that, but we

are classified as 501 (c) 8. They really need to be classified as a charitable organization not just a non-profit. They have had things donated in the past under our number, and now need to decide ownership of those items.

### Executive Session:

#### End of Executive Session:

Mark moved that the Oregon State Grange relinquish any and all claim to the money and assets donated to the Colton Helping Hands food program currently located at the Colton Community Center under the State Grange Federal tax ID number, seconded by Malcolm. Susan moved to reword the motion to change the wording to "will relinquish" and add "upon the formation of a 501 c 3 organization" after "number", seconded by Malcolm. The motion would read "The Oregon State Grange will relinquish any and all claim to the money and assets donated to the Colton Helping Hands food program currently located at the Colton Community Center under the Oregon State Grange Federal tax ID number upon the formation of a 501 c 3 organization. The amendment was adopted and the motion as amended was carried.

### Unfinished Business:

2007 National Session Finances – Nothing heard yet.

### Assignment of additional resolutions:

Reduce the Length of Annual State Convention – Good of the Order  
Slow Moving Vehicle Signs – Transportation  
Tarping of Trucks Carrying Hay or Straw - Transportation  
Adopt a National Flat Tax – Federal Affairs  
Adopt a State Flat Tax - Legislative  
Establish a Commission to Exonerate the Innocent - Legislative  
Managerial Qualifications for State Office Positions – Good of the Order  
Oppose Raising Vehicle Fees - Transportation  
Prohibit Open Trash Burning Within 300 feet of Public School - Legislative  
Oppose the Policy of Protecting the Grey Wolf - Legislative  
Opposition to Proposed Increase in Vehicle Registration and Title Fees - Transportation  
Declare January as Black History Month – Federal Affairs  
Delinquent Quarterly Reports – By-Laws  
E-Membership – Good of Order  
Non-Members in Grange

Meetings – Good of the Order  
Election Campaign Money - Legislative  
Vehicle Headlights - Transportation  
High Output Vehicle Headlights - Transportation  
Over Population of Geese in Willamette Valley - Agriculture  
Establish a Commission to Exonerate the Innocent - Legislative  
Affiliate Membership Dues – By-Laws  
Income for Oregon State Grange – Good of the Order  
Oppose Passage of H.R. 45 "Blair Holt Firearm Licensing & Record Sales Act of 2009" – Federal Affairs  
U.S. Congressional H.R. 450 "The Enumerated Act" – Federal Affairs  
Allow Alcohol in Grange Halls Under Special Circumstances – By-Laws  
Junior and Youth Age Requirements – Good of the Order  
Wage Garnishments – Federal Affairs  
Support Continuation of Oregon School for the Deaf - Legislative  
Elimination of Co-Pay for School Breakfast for Low Income Students - Legislative  
WIC/Senior Farm Direct (Voucher) Program Expansion - Legislative  
Unfair Treatment of Veterans - Legislative  
Purchase Stage for State Grange – Good of the Order  
H.B. 2051 - Legislative  
Minimum Wage - Legislative  
No Federal Pension for Convicted Felons – Federal Affairs  
Statewide Menu Labeling - Legislative  
Community Service Dept Name Change – Good of the Order  
Support Increasing the Oregon State Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) - Legislative  
Establish a State Veterans Committee – Good of the Order  
Emergency Powers – Good of the Order  
Increase Funding for Farm to School and School Garden Program - Agriculture  
Paid Family Leave as Presented in Oregon State Senate Bill 966 – Legislative  
New Business:

Request from Bellview Grange for money from their Trust Fund for hall improvement. They have provided us with three bids and recommended the one for \$45,982. Each contractor is being given a chance to rework their bids so these three may not be the final dollar amount. Don moved that we allow them up to \$50,000, with an initial payment of \$25,000., Malcolm seconded and the motion was carried.



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Spence Scholarship Applications – three applications were submitted. Shala Helm was selected as this year’s recipient.

Executive Session:

End of Executive Session:

Goshen Grange has requested permission to sell an 8’ strip by approximately 249’ long of their Grange land along the back of their property for a price of \$800 - \$900. The buyer will also pay all costs associated with the transfer of ownership. Before the sale can happen the county must sign off on the lot line adjustment. Malcolm moved to allow Goshen Grange to sell this strip of property, seconded by Derrell, motion was carried.

Don moved that we give Susan \$150 per month for the accounting function, seconded by Derrell. Motion was carried by 4-0. Mark and Susan did not vote.

Larry updated us with the OSG Facebook information. We should encourage people to make use of it.

Malcolm delivered an officers’ report as a member of the Executive Committee. He had sent out letters to each Master within EC district #1. He received responses from five Masters with their concerns.

Budget - A preliminary budget was received from the budget committee, the Executive Committee reworked the figures slightly. Mark moved to submit this proposed budget to the delegates, seconded by Malcolm and motion was carried.

Grange Reports:

John Knox reported that he had visited Rockwall and helped Derrell and Clarann reorganize Rockwall. He also visited Salmon River Grange – No meeting although several members did show up. They visited with the members over coffee. Their Lecturer was in attendance and presented his program to the ones who showed up. Also in

May he attended Hillsboro’s meeting. They had 9 members, cleaning out the hall and working to get insurance on the hall and get the Fire Marshall to sign off on the building. In June he traveled to Fairview in Tillamook County, no meeting. Same evening he traveled to Sandlake, only 6 members were present. They are fixing up the inside of the hall with their trust funds. They will be hosting their Pomona next month. Also attended White Clover, 14 members present and had a good meeting. John has also heard that the State has cut funding for the Leadership Center, thinks that we should try to write to keep the FFA funding

Derrell Witty reported that he took some stations and sashes to Arock Grange. He reorganized Rockwall with the help of Clarann and John and Thelma Knox. He will take the \$1000 that the Executive Committee approved for new Granges to Rockwall on the next visit. He also attended the New Bridge meeting.

Larry Rea reported that the Colton Foothills food bank had expressed interest in the Mulino building. He visited Warren Grange, to talk to the members regarding selling the building. Larry believes that they are justified in discussions to sell. They have the opportunity to operate their meetings out of the senior center. Currently a good share of their fundraising is not even being done at the Grange site. They are making plans to attend one of our meetings to present their case. While he was there he spoke to a realtor regarding the selling of the Jewell Grange and settled on a selling price. The price they settled on was \$59,000.00 He suggested that we also market Mulino in the same way, with an “as is, where is” type of strategy. He also suggested that we either sell Chenowith for \$1 or give a quit claim deed to the current owner and get the Grange name off the building. He also drove to Rufus to inspect that hall. He also looked Parkdale over, looks like it could use a little paint. Larry has also visited Hillsboro twice, one

with the Fire Marshall in attendance – very informative!

Master’s Memo:

Benton County Pomona - under process of being reorganized.

Elkhorn – Reorganized May 21, 2009 – 26 members and several officers were elected

Franklin – A church might want to rent this Grange – only problem is that they are already renting a Grange in Lane County. They are willing to do work to cover part of their rent. Malcolm believes that they should always pay at least \$100 in cash, and that the rent should be set at around \$400 - \$500. Phyllis will discuss this with the Church after State Session.

Hillsboro – They have 30 days from May 14, to correct their five deficiencies with the Fire Dept. Phyllis, John and Larry are being kept up on the progress.

Lake Creek – Only one bid was submitted for the purchase of the property. \$5,000 from a neighbor. The zoning will only allow the usage of a Grange, Church and / or Fire Dept. We will check into a possible zoning change before selling for the \$5,000 price.

Natal – Proposed agreement received June 3<sup>rd</sup> from a company in Bakersfield, CA to enter the property to conduct a 3D seismic survey. Project has been discussed with Jeff Van Natta. The company is offering to “put a tin roof on the old school at the Grange on Hwy 47”. Larry has been assigned to this project. Natal Grange is a Historic Property and has an old school on the property.

Rockwall – Reorganized May 13, 2009.

Strawberry – Being Revitalized

Warren – Request to sell property – spokesperson wants to attend one of our next meetings to discuss their situation. A new hospital is going in and so they

would be assessed for the road improvements.

The next meeting will be Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup> of July.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Susan Noah  
Secretary

*Nominations for State Officers  
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## State Grange Volunteer Opportunities

Following delegate action at June's State Session, three (3) special committees are to be appointed by the State Master. Anyone wishing to serve on any of these committees should contact the OSG Office as soon as possible.

The committees include:

1. State Veterans Committee – The unfunded committee is to consist of not less than three (3) members to deal with issues that affect military veterans.
2. Transition from Junior to Youth Program Committee – The committee is to consist of two (2) each teens, parents of juniors, grandparents, members-at-large, Junior Co-Directors and Youth Co-Directors and a chairman. The committee is to study and make recommendations to the 2010 Session to enhance the transition from the Junior Program to the Youth Program.
3. Reduce Length of Annual State Convention – The committee will consist of a minimum of seven (7) members and is authorized to do a study based on statistical analysis to report at the 2010 annual session on why delegates attend State Session and why many Masters choose not to attend.

## News from the Ag Department

### Hello from the Farm,

This will be a short note this time. It is an extremely busy time on the farm. We are getting ready for the fall season. Pumpkin and apple harvest has begun. We have two Farm to School tours this week. Then next week we start kindergarten tours. It is a great opportunity to share our farm with all these children. They have such a great time! On the weekends will be doing pumpkin patch rides for the public. So as you can see we have a busy October ahead. Hope this finds you all well. Take care and remember your local Farmer!

Oregon State Grange  
Ag Directors  
Vernon and Paula Herrick

## OSG Youth Co Directors Report

The OSG Youth members were off and running, right after our State Session in June. We took a van full of youth members to the Western Regional Conference held in Kalispell Montana on July 29th. Besides Mark and Julie, (the delighted drivers) there were: Lorisa Schnetzky, Orrin Schnetzky, Carley Sether, Jacob Embree, and Brandon Anglin. The trip there was mostly boring, but we all talked a lot during that 800 mile nonstop (only for gas or caffeine) drive.

Once in Kalispell we located the Stillwater Grange and found the friendly folks of Montana very happy to see us. They too were surprised to learn we drove straight through.

Our time there went by fast - we had workshops, meals, contests, skits, guest speakers, square dance calling demonstration, meals, workshops with slide shows and more meals. Then we all went for a River Float, which turned out to be a class 3 rapid raft ride down the Flat Head River. We all remember only one falling out and getting pulled back into the raft, while not losing anyone else. That was the best one "Bone Crusher".

Our Youth were wonderful! Orrin Schnetzky won 1<sup>st</sup> Place and Best of Show in the Prepared Speech category. We had Jacob Embree and Brandon Anglin participate in Impromptu Speech category. And our own Orrin Schnetzky won 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Impromptu Speech category with Carley Sether winning 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in Impromptu Speech category.

What's next? With State Session and Western Regionals behind us and our Youth being as fine as they are, we will be sending three of them to the National Convention this November.

The National Youth Director, Charlene Espenshade, sent out the notice that Oregon will be represented by: Olivia Suing as Executive Committee, Brandon Anglin as Youth Ambassador and Orrin Schnetzky as Gatekeeper. We will be leaving on Wednesday November 18 and returning on Sunday November 22 thus allowing us to participate in the 7<sup>th</sup> Degree. Of course our Youth will be taking part in activities like Trivia Challenge, Speech Contests, Community Service Project and workshops which are being arranged by the National Youth Director.

## The Chaplain's Message

### A DOUBLE TREAT

A patient man has great understanding, but a quick-tempered man displays folly. Proverbs 14:29

Heavenly Father, Irma prayed, staring out the window at the snow-covered schoolyard, "please give me the wisdom to know how to deal with my unruly students."

This was Irma's first year of teaching at the one-room schoolhouse, and the last few months had been difficult. Many of the children acted as if they wanted to be in control. Others seemed insecure and unwilling to do their assignments. Some pupils were rowdy, ignoring her instructions. Irma had lectured, punished, and threatened to tell the children's parents if things didn't change. So far, nothing had worked.

When Irma heard children's laughter in the schoolyard, she drew in a deep breath and opened the front door. She stepped onto the porch just in time to see a snowball speeding her way. She ducked, but not quickly enough. The icy sphere hit her arm with a splat. Irma gritted her teeth. She was certain that Michael, the boy who'd thrown the snowball, had done it on purpose. He'd been the instigator of several things in the past.

I will not let my anger get the best of me. There must be a way to deal with this. She closed the

door and went to the coatroom, where she had left the wicker basket she'd brought from home. She placed it on her desk just as several noisy scholars tromped into the room.

Irma waited until the children had removed their wraps and taken their seats before she spoke. "Today we will begin class with hot chocolate and cookies," she said, removing a thermos and a plate of cookies from the basket. Mary Alice's hand shot up. "How come?"

Irma smiled. "Because it's cold outside, and I want to let you know how special you are to me." The room became quiet, until another hand shot up.

"Yes, Michael?"

"I think you're special, Teacher, and I'm sorry for throwing that snowball."

"I forgive you." Tears welled up in Irma's eyes. If I had known what a little hot chocolate and some cookies could do, I would have brought them to school sooner.

Often, when we are frustrated because things don't go our way or someone does something to upset us, we respond in anger. Scripture reminds us, however, that the best antidote for anger is prayer. "He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city" (Proverbs 16:32).

There is a time for correction, but it should never be done in anger. Many times the best lesson is learned from encouragement. Is there someone you might encourage today?

#### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Correction does much, but encouragement does more.

#### FOOD FOR THE BODY

Double Treat Cookies

#### Ingredients:

- 2 cups sugar
- 1 1/2 cups brown sugar
- 2 cups of shortning
- 2 cups of peanut butter
- 4 eggs
- 3 cups flour
- 6 cups quick-cooking oats
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 4 teaspoons baking soda
- 2 cups chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Combine all ingredients in a large bowl.

Blend by hand until ingredients are evenly and thoroughly mixed.

Shape dough into balls. Place on a cookie sheet and flatten with a glass dipped in sugar.

Bake 10 minutes or until done.

ESTHER RABER

Daniel W. Le Brun  
Oregon State Grange  
Chaplain

## Membership Report

We offered the opportunity to members of our state committee to submit articles for our column and this month's guest writer is Lynn Johnson of Ada Grange #570. Her article features the topic "New Members Pride of Ownership". We thank Lynn for this essential piece of the membership puzzle!

### New Members – Now What?

As Grangers, we all know that one of our primary goals in order to keep our Granges alive and well is adding new members to our rosters.

But....how do we keep them? What do we have to offer that will make people want to remain members? How about the members that have been around for a year, 6 months, 3 months?

One of the answers is "Pride of Ownership". We all need to make the new members feel needed and wanted. Having them participate in committees by special invitation the first time will help them step up for other activities without being asked later on. Embrace new ideas that new members will bring to your Grange (even if the ideas may have been tried before, perhaps the new members have a different way of delivering).

If all of a sudden you realize that a new member is not attending the meetings, potlucks or other activities, don't be afraid to contact them and ask them if there is a problem and ask what we can do to get them back.

All of us who have been Grangers for a long time know how important our traditions and values are to keeping our Granges healthy and doors open. Let's get together and show our new members and prospective members how much fun we have while conducting our business and community service.

We CAN do it TOGETHER!!!!

Lynn Johnson  
Membership Committee  
Ada Grange #570

Malcolm and Cookie  
Membership Co-Chairs

## GWA Report

Dear Grange Brothers and Sisters

Hopefully you are about to finish up your fall harvest and prepare for winter. It is fast approaching. The leaves are beginning to fall and that means Warren and I will be vacuuming leaves for next month.

The first of the year I will be sending out the sponsorship letters to all of you who graciously sponsor contests for GWA. Please, let me know as soon as possible after receiving the letter whether you will be continuing to sponsor your contest. I do have some people who would like to pick up the contests that have been dropped by the sponsor. We will be having some new contests and I will put the particulars in a later GWA article.

If your Grange is planning a GWA Conference, please let me know and I will do my best to attend. I always enjoy meeting with the different Grange members at their conferences. Everyone does things differently and we learn from each other.

We, in District 1, are working hard preparing for next year's State Session in Roseburg. We all look forward to you attending. So start preparing for the contest of your choice.

Have a great fall season.  
Fraternally,  
Beverly Doescher  
OSG GWA Director

## OREGON FIGHTS "HOG WILD"

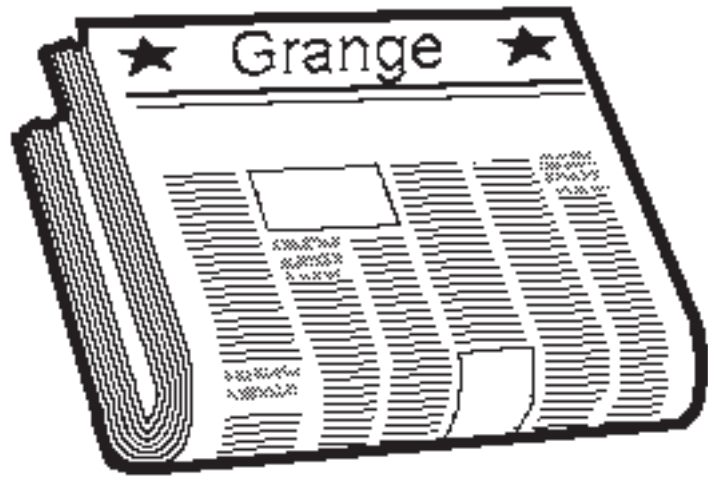
SALEM, Oregon—There's a reason people refer to total chaos as "hog wild," especially when you consider the effects that wild hogs have when they roam in Oregon's fields and along our pristine river corridors. They literally denude the landscape, creating large muddy wallows, digging up native plants, and creating the perfect environment for invasive plants to establish. Wild hogs, also called feral swine, are so "bad" for Oregon, that the Oregon Invasive Species Council lists it on their 100 Worst List of invasive species. As if that distinction isn't enough, wild hogs are also listed on the 100 of the World's Worst Alien Invasive Species list. This is clearly not a species Oregon wants running rampant. The Oregon Invasive Species Council has featured it as their August Invasive Species of the Month at <http://www.oregon.gov/OISC/>.

In 2004, Bruce Coblenz at Oregon State University produced a risk assessment for wild hogs in Oregon. Then Dr. Mark Sytsma, Oregon Invasive Species Council (OISC) member and Director for The Center for Lakes and Reservoirs at Portland State University (PSU), and Arick Rouhe, Master of Science candidate at PSU, developed a wild hog management plan for Oregon. Coblenz's assessment designated wild hogs as a "very high-risk species" due to great potential for establishment, environmental and economic impacts, and disease transmission to wildlife, livestock, and humans. Restoration of ecosystems and losses to agriculture and livestock have been estimated to exceed \$800 million in the United States each year. Environmental impacts include facilitation of noxious weed invasions, shifts in dominant plant species, reduction of forest regeneration, and soil erosion. Facilitation of noxious weeds and erosion due to wild hogs rooting has been documented in Oregon.

"Wild hogs pose a tremendous threat to native Oregon fish and wildlife species and their habitats, and they are capable of transmitting serious diseases to humans and other livestock such as sheep," said Sytsma. "Other states have lost the fight to control wild hogs because they waited until populations became widespread and established. The key to controlling non-native species is early detection and rapid response. Oregon has time to eradicate wild hogs and prevent them from establishing if we act now."

Oregon legislators rose to the occasion during the 2009 legislative session, passing House Bill 2221, which makes it a crime to knowingly allow wild hogs to roam on private land or to sell or purchase hunts for wild hogs. The goal is eradication of these large, dangerous mammals – not creation of hunting opportunities. Other states that permit wild hog hunting learned the hard way, as people began releasing hogs to create additional hunt opportunities. Many of these states and land managers from Australia advised Oregon to create legislation that places a stiff penalty on releasing and hunting wild hogs. What is the true definition of a "wild hog?" In Oregon, wild hogs can be escaped domestic pigs, wild European boars, and/or a combination of both - hybrids. In other words, a wild hog is any pig that isn't in an enclosure. Although recently escaped or released domestic hogs look and

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## National Grange News

### Leadership/Membership Tip of the month

#### MEMBER'S RIGHTS

Have you ever thought that as a member of the Grange, you have rights? Or that all members have rights? Yes, in the Grange all members have rights. Three come to mind right away:

- \* Every member has the right to feel important
- \* Every member has the right to be productive
- \* Every member has the right to an opportunity to make a difference

Let's think about each of these one at a time.

Every member has the right to feel important. Do we agree that all members are important and play an important role in our Grange? If so, then what are we doing to give them that feeling of being important? Do we make sure that other members feel important to the Grange? Do you feel that you are important in the Grange?

We are a member-driven organization that prides our self on our grassroots heritage. We love that there are Granges from coast to coast and north to south, across this country. I am not talking about Grange Halls—I am talking about Granges made up of PEOPLE! Members are important. We each bring something different to the Order and that is the kind of diversity that makes us great. Each member has something to contribute and that is important. We need to make sure that our members and whatever they contribute, big or small, is important and that we appreciate it.

The right to be productive. Does every member have something to offer to the Grange that would be productive? I think that every member is capable of contributing something helpful. We all have different abilities, skills, and experiences that we can draw from. We have members that are big and strong while others are small and frail. We have members young and old, new members and 50+ yr members, and members that are quiet/shy and loud and boisterous. All Granges should be doing activities and programs that let each member be productive. Let each member do what he or she can with the abilities they have. Find something for everybody.

The right to make a difference. As I talk to Grangers out there about why they joined the Grange and why they continue their membership it usually comes down to the feeling that the Grange makes a difference. Now what the Grange makes a difference in varies from community to community. The point is, each member has the right to make a difference in what is important to him or her. Has your Grange asked your members what difference they would like the Grange to work on? Each Grange should, on a regular basis, ask its members this question. After all, the Grange should be relevant to the community's needs.

Now do you see that these three rights that we have just discussed all work together? If the Grange is asking each member "what difference the Grange can make in the community" each member will feel they are important, because we are asking. Then as the Grange talks about how to go about making a difference we are giving everybody the opportunity to be productive.

## The President's Ponderings

### There Really is Bad Publicity

This morning I received notice that another Grange in Oregon has an article in a large newspaper talking about the decline of the Grange. Why do members who are experiencing success in their Grange speak of their Grange in a positive light but members who are giving up speak of the "Grange" as being in decline?

I get frustrated at myself, the State Grange leadership, the Pomona Grange leadership, and our long-time dedicated members when those long-time members talk to reporters and tell them all the negative things that they see. Then I remind myself that these members have given up and see no hope or future for their Grange. They must be assuming that because they haven't had success, no one else has either. Most importantly, they are not looking or listening to what is happening around the country.

The problem as I see it, is that much of our membership never looks at the big picture. Their view of the Grange organization is of the local Grange. Pomona, State, and National are viewed as almost different organizations having little relevance to them. Do they get regular communication from other Granges or the Pomona? Does the State Grange send them information or is the perception that they just want the quarterly report? Do any members of that local Grange read the communications, check the websites, or just ask for help from the State or National Granges?

I understand that National Grange can not visit each Grange, nor can we do more than provide communication through our publications, website, and many training sessions. While we have expanded our communication tool box dramatically over the past couple of years, it is still dependent upon our members to chose to open the paper or email, click on the website, view the video or blog, listen to the podcast, or show up at a meeting.

How does an organization with over 2,500 units teach their members that there is bad

publicity? When a member is quoted that the Grange is dying, declining, or failing who does it hurt? It hurts all of us. Remember no one wants to join a dying organization, and the reality is that we're not dying!

There are potential members in every community. Each person has a different awareness of the Grange, some have barely heard of the Grange while others have a perception of the Grange. While their perception may not be accurate, that is the starting point for your Grange if you want to recruit them.

Newspaper stories can open doors to potential members or they can close doors. What our members say about their Grange to reporters will influence what they write in the paper or say on the radio and TV. I'd settle for a balanced story. We have some Granges failing, but we also have new Granges, and many Granges experiencing success. However, it is our job to tell the media about the good as well.

Publicity is important to your Grange. Bad publicity will hurt you, good publicity will help you. I challenge each member to share their ideas on how we can teach the members of each Grange about the importance of publicity. I ask because each member has the opportunity to contribute to the health of the Grange and this issue is critical.

Now that I've expressed my frustration with bad newspaper stories, I want to state, in my 35 years as an active Grange member, I have never seen such optimism and excitement among our members as I am seeing today. I know that it is tough for a State Master to deal with a Grange that has never asked for help and now wants to close. However, many states are building revitalization teams to aid these Granges and are achieving remarkable successes.

Don't dwell on the negatives, focus on the good things you can do. Vent when you see a negative story, but find a way to build a positive future. Listen to what others are saying, but create the future you and your members want. That is what Grange members do!

National Grange  
President/Master  
Ed Luttrell

## The Grange is not the Meeting

I hear far too often that the meeting is the focus of a Grange. We worry about having a quorum to hold a meeting, we worry about the length of the meeting, and we worry about why members are not at the meeting. Maybe you're worrying about the wrong things?

Meetings are necessary and important, but not for themselves. The Grange is the reason for the meeting. The meeting is a tool to allow members to create action, to learn, and to socialize. The meeting isn't the important thing, it is the tool to do the important things.

The Grange is people, not a building and certainly not just a meeting. Our meetings and meeting structure are time-tested and generally the more you deviate from our normal process, the more time you use doing less.

Instead of worrying about a quorum, try worrying about why people would want to come to your meeting. Do you have fun at your meetings, do you laugh or smile a lot? Does a member who attends usually learn something new? Do your members go out of their way to make a new member or visitor feel welcome and part of your Grange?

Instead of worrying about the length of the meeting, how about worrying about the content of the meeting. Does the leadership of your Grange check to see if committees are going to have reports? Does your Grange have any unfinished or new business that has the members doing something? Remember business is where we create the action that will interest people. Are you skipping some of the orders of business to save time? If so, consider the possibility that someone is looking for that order of business.

Try worrying about the members who do attend before worrying about those who didn't show up. If those who come to the meeting get to leave the meeting with new information, a sense of accomplishment, and some good times they will share with others. The things that they will share will help create the public perception that Grange meetings are worthwhile, fun, and everyone is invited.

Take the time to look at the order of business and the meeting set up structure. You will find that it

is one of the best ways to hold a meeting. Members looking at each other and with a clear plan to accomplish the variety of things that a grass-roots organization needs to do.

Remember that the meeting is not the reason for your Grange. The meeting is the tool that allows your Grange to do things. Make what you start at meetings and what you accomplish at meetings the focus of your Grange.

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## Our Best Days

Have you ever heard the phrase, Those were the best days? I've heard people say it about themselves and about our Grange. I don't get it. No matter how bad a day, week, or even month I may have, I always have hope that the future holds new and exciting opportunities.

If your best is behind you, then what is there to look forward to? I know a man who just celebrated his ninetieth birthday. Every time I talk to Gil he wants my opinion on current events and what each may hold for the future. If he can look forward to the future with such hope and anticipation, why can't many younger people?

Our role may change in life, but the opportunities keep coming. I always believed one of the most important things we choose to do is bring children into this world and then raise them to be good productive citizens. That phase of my life is over as my kids are grown and out in the world, but I've discovered the next phase. Grandchildren! I see that my role has changed, but the importance of what I do has not. New things, new experiences, new opportunities.

I look at the history of the Grange and see a chunk of American history. Good times, tough times, and a few ugly times. But each problem and challenge is followed by a period of renewal and growth. We just keep setting the bar higher and higher, we keep growing and improving. So

with the Grange. We've been written off a number of times, and we keep coming back stronger than ever.

I believe that our best days are yet in front of us. I'm headed to Homer, Alaska to present a charter to a new Grange this week. Just try and convince those folks that our best days are behind us. The opportunities are ours for the taking, provided that we are willing to work for them. Hope and persevere, what a concept!

National Grange  
President/Master  
Ed Luttrell



## Good Grange News

**Washington County Granges** and Grangers went to the fair and came home with honors. Winners included: Scholls #313, 1<sup>st</sup> place booth; Leedy #339, 2<sup>nd</sup> place booth; Kinton #562, 3<sup>rd</sup> place booth and Forest Grove #282 and Hillsboro #73, participation awards. Hillsboro also won the Peoples Choice award. Leedy, Kinton, Tigard and Winona Granges all have website links in the Oregon State Grange website. Check them out at [www.orgrange.org](http://www.orgrange.org).

**Rickreall Grange #671**, Polk County, will serve its traditional Turkey Dinner from 11:30 – 3 p.m. Sunday, November 1. Tickets are \$7, adults; \$4, children (4 – 12) and those under 4 are served free. This complete turkey dinner is a fund raiser for Rickreall, Buell, Polk Pomona and Oak Grove Granges. Check out the huge model train display upstairs! The hall is located at 280 Main St (Hwy 99W) in Rickreall, near Salem.

Members of **Leedy Grange #339**, Washington County, are proud of their newly sanded and polished hall floors. They had a successful strawberry social in June and hosted a Pomona breakfast in August.

**Welcome Baskets** to new members of the town of Elgin in Union County will be provided by members of Rockwall Grange

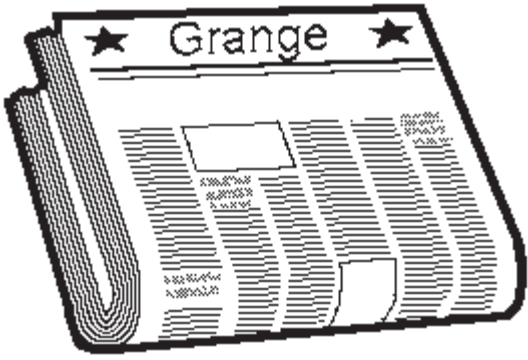
#679. The 17 members plan on building a float for the December Light Parade and had a huge garage sale in September. This Grange was just reorganized in May after being dormant for nearly a year. See what energy and enthusiasm can do!!!

**Redmond Grange #812**, Deschutes County, is already making plans for a breakfast/garage sale for next year's Memorial Day Weekend. A member has designed a colorful membership brochure with pictures and Grange information. The annual holiday dinner and awards ceremony is set for 1 p.m. Sunday, December 6. Guests will be members of the Redrock Square Dance Club. If you like pinochle, visit this hall every Tuesday between 12:30 and 3:30 p.m.

**Winona Grange #271**, Washington County, changed its meeting to the second Saturday of each month as a trial through December. The change was made to accommodate its working members. Meetings begin at 9:30 a.m. According to Winona's newsletter, "the usual delectable potluck lunch follows the meeting". Members decorated a hay wagon, pulled by a John Deere tractor, for the Crawfish Festival Parade. The community garden provided much produce for the Tualatin Food Pantry.

In little over a year of re-organization, members of **Western Star Grange #309**, Linn County, have painted the inside of the hall, installed a new ceiling in the dining/kitchen area, installed new wiring and light fixtures, painted the bathrooms, repaired plumbing and spruced up the property. On the fun side, they have had family reunions, a fall festival, flea market, Christmas party, tea party dances, game nights and meetings with delicious potlucks. The members sponsored the "Neuter Scooter" to help spay and neuter cats. Member John Baily, a Boy Scout working on his Eagle Scout rank, chose to repaint the outside of the Grange hall as his project.

National Night Out was observed at **Santiam Valley Grange #828**, Linn County, in August. The Lyons Fire Dept. had a fire truck, emergency response truck and an ambulance on hand, along with personnel. An anti-violence group, "Break the Chain" had a display table. Marion and Linn County Sheriffs' Dept. deputies visited with those attending and a narcotics dog "Neros" put on a demonstration. Other activities included raffles, karaoke and a dunk tank.



## Pomona News

### Grange at the Lane County Fair

The Lane County Granges (Pomona) had a very successful year at the Lane County Fair this year. On Tuesday, it was Grange Day and the Dress Up Veggie & Fruit Contest at the Fair. Last year there were 16 entries, we were expecting 30 to 40 this year. But we were surprised with over 190 entries. The three judges had a very difficult time determining who placed in the top three. The First Place Ribbon, \$25, and a season pass to the Fair went to Stephanie Wise with a Potato Porcupine; the Second Place Ribbon, \$15, and two tickets to the Fair went to Domingo Yanez with an Onion Kitten; and the Third Place Ribbon, \$10, and one ticket to the Fair went to Angelinque Eisel with a Melon Citrus. A fourth, fifth and sixth place ribbons were given out along with 12 Honorable mentioned ribbons. Each entry got a Participation Ribbon. Both the Lane Pomona Grange and the Lane County Fair sponsors of the contest were very pleased with the response to the contest. We would like to thank the children who took the time to enter. We would like to thank the three judges: Wendel Austin from Waterville Grange, Linda Wetzell for Goshen Grange, and Cookie Trupp from Spencer Creek Grange.

The Lane Pomona Grange sponsors a JackPot prize of \$200 for a lucky entry in the Land Products Department. The names of all entries are placed in a box and a winner is drawn. This year the winner is Bev Kelly who works as an administrative assistant in Cottage Grove. She enjoys gardening and making stained-glass items along with raising Kathadin sheep. This year was the first year she entered produce in the Land Products Department. Her garlic won a third place ribbon.

Over 3,000 Fair Goers placed ballots in the reddish-brown barn for the People's Choice selection. This contest was sponsored by our three public utilities. Emerald People's Utility District (EPUD) awards the first place winner with \$100; the Second place winner receives \$75 from Lane Electric Cooperative (LEC); and the Third place winner receives \$50 from Blachly-Lane Electric Cooperative. This year Santa Clara Grange took first place with 374 votes; second place was Coburg Community Grange with 358 votes and the third place winner was Spencer Creek Grange with 321 votes. We would like to thank all the Fair Goers who took the time to cast a vote for your favorite Grange Display.

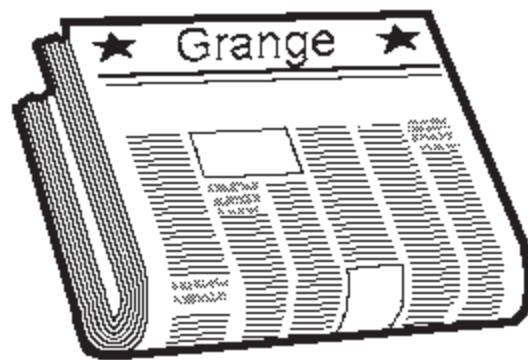
Prizes for the GWA (Grange Workers Activities) are sponsored by Lane Electric Cooperative. The judges were from the Master Gardener part of the Lane Extension Service. After careful evaluation, the First Place ribbon went to Lorane Grange who also received \$25 for LEC; the Second Place ribbon went to Spencer Creek Grange who will receive \$15 from LEC; and the Third Place ribbon went to London Grange who will receive \$10 for LEC. We appreciate the members of the Master Gardens of the Lane Extension Service participated in judging the GWA displays.

The People's Choice for the Scare Crow went to Laura Coulter-Beebe who also received First Place in her division.

We would like to thank all of you who took the time to participate in the People's Choice contest. We had a record attendance enjoying the Grange Displays. Thank You for attending.

There were 19 of the 27 Lane County Granges represented at the Lane County Fair; each received \$200 for their participation. I would like to thank all the Granges for their hard work. Thank You.

Malcolm Trupp  
Lane County Fair  
Grange Superintendent



## Grange Exchange

### FORT ROCK GRANGE IS REVIVED!

What's happened to the timeworn historic Grange hall in Fort Rock? Located in "downtown" Fort Rock since 1938, the three century old area school houses that make up Fort Rock's and North Lake County's oldest community center, have been revived and are no longer fading with age! Fort Rock Grange #758 is pleased to announce that their historic Grange community hall has a new face and sparkling, screened windows to look through that open! With special thanks for grant funding from the Meyer Memorial Trust (not affiliated with Fred Meyer stores), Collins-McDonald Trust; and contributions from Fort Rock Grange members and the community, the building renovation project has finally become a reality. AM-1 Roofing contractors of Bend completed the job.

The Fort Rock Grange Hall project included applying all new exterior vinyl siding, new vinyl insulated windows and new entry doors to the hall, kitchen and bathroom, plus updated porches and steps. The interior remains the same with the exception of new sills and trim on the windows and doors, plus new curtains in the main hall. "It was a great challenge working with this old building," said project worker, Chris with AM-1. "A lot of the original homestead style early 1900s construction was not put together like modern buildings today," he concluded. The AM-1 crew worked for a little over a month to finish the task.



Before



After

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The renovation project has been a vision of several Fort Rock Grange members for many years. Members wanted to preserve the hall and 'tighten' it up. Before getting the new siding, many people can contest; "the wind just blew right through all the walls. It was like being in a barn at times, and the winds sure know how to blow in Lake County." It's not bigger, but better! Compare by looking at the pictures, it looks the same, but it is completely refurbished and anew. Recent events held at the newly restored hall were the Halloween Costume Party and the annual Holiday Bazaar and Flea Market that took place on Saturday, November 7th.

"It will be much more efficient to heat the building with all the new improvements. It should be air tight," said Fort Rock Grange Master, Robert Tuttle, co-superintendent of the project along with Fort Rock Grange member, Tom Koch. They devoted many volunteer hours supervising, completing the finish work, painting and seeing that the contractors kept on task. The inside of the hall remains original with the exception of kitchen renovations of the recent past. The first event held in the newly preserved hall was the FORT ROCK VALLEY HOMESTEADERS 83rd Annual Reunion Potluck and Auction on Sunday, September 13, 2009. Celebrating Oregon's Heritage and Oregon's Sesquicentennial, the event was a great success as people came from near and far, impressed with the preservation efforts of area locals, the Fort Rock Grange members, the community hall is buttoned up for many years to come. The Fort Rock Grange Members are very proud of the outcome of the restoration, and again thanks all who contributed to this very special project.

photos and article by  
Jana Kittredge



## Goldson Grange #868

Goldson Grange will vote in November to change its meeting time and night from 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday to 7 p.m. on the second Thursday.

## Morning Star Grange #311 Busy with Fall Events

A haunted house opens this month at the Morning Star Grange Hall to get the ghosts and goblins ready for Halloween night on October 31. The event is set for 6:30 to 10 p.m. Thursday, October 22, through Saturday, October 24 and then again the same hours from Thursday, October 29 through Halloween night.

Cost is \$2 per person or three can goods per person. Proceeds will benefit the Jefferson Christmas Food Basket.

Members sponsored an annual Community Fair in September with 190 entries of fresh vegetables and canned goods. Fresh and dried herbs and flowers were also featured.

The sewing, craft and photography entries were very sparse, according to a member, but more are expected for next year.

The fair is held more as a learning experience for those who would like to submit entries at the county and state fairs.

GWA held a benefit lunch as part of the Community Fair with members of a local community church invited to drop by after Sunday services.

Robert Richardson, secretary/treasurer, collects and redeems bottles and cans each month and donates the money to various charitable programs as part of the Grange's community service program.

Members collect items throughout the year to help the local food bank and the Jefferson Rural Fire Protection District. They have also donated pull tabs to the American Legion and personal hygiene items to the

Albany Helping Hands Shelter. The hall is located at 38794 Morningstar Rd NE, Millersburg (near Albany). Meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. the first Tuesday, with a potluck at 6:30.



## Fairfield #720

Fairfield Grange #720, Marion County, has changed its meeting date to the third Saturday of each month beginning with a 6 p.m. potluck and business meeting at 7.



## Winona Grange #271

8340 SW Seneca St., Tualatin, OR

### Benefit Dinner & Dance

October 31, 2009



### A Scaredance of a Square Dance

An old-fashioned Grange Pot Luck family dinner, followed by an Old-time Square Dance, to benefit **Bill Martin**, recovering from stem cell transplant surgery without insurance.



**Maggie Lind** calling, with music by the **Jenny Get Around Band**.

All ages, no experience necessary. Couples, singles, teens, families... All welcome!



Plan now to include this event in your Halloween weekend!

Winona Grange will provide a ham, some beverages (no alcohol, please), a variety of pumpkin desserts (what else?), and table service.

Please bring a dish to share (salad, veggies, etc.); it's a Pot Luck!

**Suggested Donation: \$10 per person, or \$20 per family.**

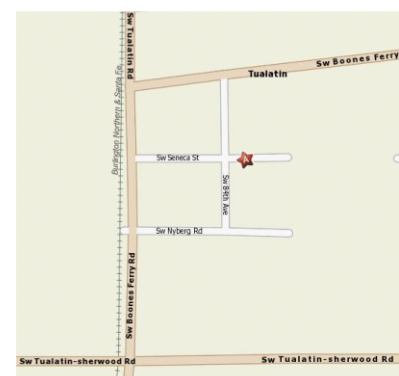
Doors open at 5:30, dinner from 6:00, dance at 7:30 or so...

**Come for the Potluck, come for the Square Dance.**

Or come for both; come in costume, or not; come after Trick-or-Treat, bring the family, neighbors and friends, whatever works best for you; we appreciate your support.

Questions? Call Sam Keator, 503-691-2078  
[www.winonagrang271.org](http://www.winonagrang271.org)

Please note: there is road construction on Seneca St; so enter from Nyberg St., or from Boones Ferry Rd., via 84th Avenue.  
(Go around the barricades)



# Bulletin



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### From the Editor

As you read this issue of the Bulletin we are probably busy working on the November issue! In the time it takes me to write a little filler like this you could be writing an interesting story about what your Grange is doing! It's not hard, just hand scrawl, type, or email something to the state office or to the Editor.

Please email or snail mail pictures separately from your stories, when you "embed" pictures in a document they are usually stuck there and can't easily be extracted from the document again so while they might look great in your document there is no way for me to put them in the Bulletin!

If you email a story and pictures please use the "attach" function in your email program to attach the pictures. It should be simple to do and it will ensure that your pictures arrive in a useable format.

The quickest way for you to see your story in the Bulletin is to write a simple text document without any fancy formatting, columns or other clever computer wizardry. You can even use your email program, just type your story attach your pictures and hit the send button!

8x11 fliers will be printed whole as long as there is room. They may be resized to fit the space that is available in the Bulletin. Some fliers just don't convert to the Bulletin well though and we won't know until we convert them. If your flier is already an adobe PDF then it should print in the Bulletin without any problems.

We try to print every story we receive (that is fit to print) in a timely fashion however fliers or announcements promoting an event that has already happened by the time the paper goes to press don't get printed. If you have a flier or an announcement you want publicly viewed please request that it be published on the ororange.org website ASAP instead! We may condense your story for use in "Good Grange News" or we may print it verbatim in Grange Exchange!

The Oregon Grange Bulletin is a paper made for the membership by the membership. If you don't send material in to be printed the paper will be very empty! I know most of our Granges are doing something worth talking about in the Bulletin, it sure would be nice to hear from you!

Chris Rea  
Editor

### OREGON FIGHTS "HOG WILD" *Continued from page 7*

behave like farm pigs, with each generation, their domestic characteristics diminish and they develop characteristics that make them more capable of surviving in the wild.

The wild hog population in Oregon is believed to be small and dispersed, although lack of funding to monitor these species has invasive species experts concerned, particularly when you consider how quickly this species multiplies. In states such as California, failure to act quickly has resulted in large populations of wild hogs that are unmanageable and uncontrollable.

Eradication of wild hogs in Oregon is estimated to require a four-year, \$1.29 million effort. Follow-up control of new releases and escapes will require a maintenance effort estimated at less than \$50,000 per year (excluding contingency funds for emergency response). These costs are small relative to the value of the \$3.6 billion Oregon agriculture and livestock industries and the investment Oregon has made in riparian restoration efforts. Sustained control of wild hogs in Oregon will require a long-term commitment that will include annual domestic hog marking, education, and monitoring.

The mission of the Oregon Invasive Species Council is to conduct a coordinated and comprehensive effort to keep invasive species out of Oregon and to eliminate, reduce, or mitigate the impacts of invasive species already established in Oregon.

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