



Knit lap robes made for the veteran's hospital. Members of Beaverton Grange: Elizabeth Kubel, Mable Shriner, Emma Yost, Ethel Hansen & Thresa Wilhelms.

# POMONA

## NEWS

2020 First Quarter of Washington/Yamhill Pomona Grange

### “WHAT IF?”

During one of my trips to West Side Kaiser Hospital the “News-Times” headline caught my eye. It was a blank page with the caption **“What if there were no community newspapers?”**

The same can be said about the Grange; **“What if there were no Community Granges?”** How many of you enjoy the community events that draws crowds from all over? Do you have any idea how Grange members past, present and future have and can shape our daily life?

What would the community be like without the Grange?

Do you miss the Father’s Day Strawberry festival at Dixie Mountain Grange?

Many shared memories are being archived; placing those cherished memories out of reach for future generations. Dancing at Washington (aka Pumpkin Ridge) Grange, square

dancing at Leedy, turkey dinners at Kinton, steak and sea food at Dixie Mountain, community fairs at Skyline. All things of the past that are worth digging up to share, whether in photos, oral or written. The achievements of community involvement cannot not be underestimated.

The Grange has its roots in fraternalism, founded by members of the Masonic Order. They understood the value of having a sense of belonging and feeling a part of something. The Grange is like an extension to the family unit. In the Order we are considered Brothers and Sisters. It is the only fraternity to allow men, women and youth\* into membership with full voice and voting rights since its inception in 1867.

The Grange is a place to build relationships, educate, offer encouragement to build better communities and of course food. The Grange is a family fraternity with roots in agriculture. The Grange and its members have and continue to leave an indelible mark on this Great Nation in so many profound ways it is impossible for one individual to grasp. From community fairs, dancing, dining and meeting to lobbying on a national scale for better roads, rural postal delivery, rural electrification, to local concerns such as the “New Born Hearing Bill” and a light at the intersection of Germantown and Cornelius Pass.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2020

**Pomona Grange**

**Meeting begins at 10:00 am**

**Lunch \$5.00**

Saturday - April 25, 2020

Dixie Mountain #860

Saturday - July 25, 2020

McMinnville Grange #31

Saturday - October 24, 2020

Tigard Grange #128

**Good of the Order**

**Meeting begins at 10:00 am**

Saturday – May 23, 2020

Tigard Grange #128

Saturday - September 26, 2020

Scholls Grange #338

Saturday - November 21, 2020

Washington Grange #313

**Oregon State Grange**

June 20 -26, 2020

Klamath County Fairgrounds

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**CELEBRATING BEING A  
GRANGE MEMBER**

### Kids Invited To Join Grange Fair Contest



AGNES HENDREN and her friend Flicka will be the judges in the forth coming clown contest which is being held in conjunction with the Skyline Grange fair to be held on Saturday September 14 in the Skyline Grange building on N.W. Skyline Blvd.

## “BOUNTY OF OUR COUNTY.”

This year’s Washington County Fair Grange theme is: “*Bounty of our County.*”

The Grange has been invited to put in display booths inside the “New Fair Building/Convention Hall.”

The Good News is we have been extended an invitation. The not so good news is, we are running low on new enthusiastic members.

A few years ago I over heard a mom with her child leaving the fair grounds with a pocket full of ribbons and premiums. They both felt excited to be able to take part in the county fair. If you are like myself, you

will remember being part of the county fair and getting ribbons. Let us reach deep into our memory banks, pull out that dormant enthusiasm & say yes to -

***Take me to the County Fair!***

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## “WHAT IF?” continued from pg 1

The founder Oliver Hudson Kelley in conversation once said to Mortimer Whitehead, National Grange Lecturer, that during his (Oliver Hudson Kelley) trip up the Mississippi he “noted the power of its united waters, and how it represented the united rain drops which had fallen on the hills and valleys of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois and many more western states.”

The influence of Mr. Kelley’s Masonic membership, his trip through the war-torn Southern states after the Civil War and his trip up the Mississippi

resonates. The seed that was planted in his mind grew into an organization we know today as “Patron of Husbandry” the Grange.

Fraternal play a very important role in our society, but none come close to achieving the benefits woven into the fabric of our Nation.

*\* Women had been given full membership. However, the youth were another matter. At first young ladies (age 16) and young men (age 18) were given the opportunity to join with full membership privileges. The age limit*

*was then changed to allow both men and women full membership at the age of 16. In 1880 the National Grange amend the Constitution to reduce the age to 14, which stills stands today. (see pg 208, The Grange Friend of the Farmer 1867- 1947 by Charles M. Gardner)*

**Margaret Mead once wrote:**

***“Never doubt that a small group of committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has”.***

## Governor Signs Newborn Hearing Bill



Left Photo:

Governor Kitzhaber signing House Bill 3246

“A diverse group consisting of Judy Brown, the Oregon State Grange, the Tucker-Maxon Oral School, The Oregon Chapter of the Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf, the Willamette Education Service District, Sauvie Island Grange, Self Help for the Hard of Hearing People, the Hearing and Speech Institute and the Oregon Hearing Society, Inc. advocated for the proposal.

Photo & story from the Oregon State Grange Bulletin  
Dated September 1999.

# BUILDING A GRANGE HALL

Look around  
You are above ground

As Dr Seuss once wrote :  
You have brains in your head.  
You have feet in your shoes.  
It's opener there  
in the wide open air.

Out there things can happen  
and frequently do  
to people as brainy  
and footsy as you.

And then things start to happen,  
don't worry. Don't stew.  
Just go right along.  
You'll start happening too.

OH!  
THE PLACES YOU'LL GO!



## AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

**McMinnville Grange #31** - Meets:  
2nd Tues 6:30 pm; potluck 5:30  
pm McMinnville Grange elected  
and installed new officers. Their  
New Year's dinner and dance was  
attended by a large crowd of  
possibly more than 60 people.  
After all was said and done the  
Grange made about \$200.

**Fernwood Grange #771** - Meets:  
2nd Monday @ 7pm

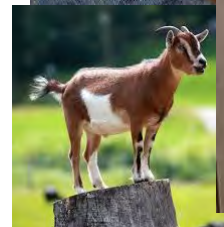
**Hillsboro Grange #73** - Meets:  
4th Wed 7 pm; potluck 6:30 pm  
Hillsboro Grange has 6 new  
applications for membership. They  
are looking forward to State  
Grange Convention and  
cautioned Granges that rent out  
their hall to check on their renters  
insurance policy. They found one  
renter without insurance due to a  
terminated policy. The ceiling in  
the men's restroom collapsed and  
is now in need of repair.

**Tigard Grange #148** - Meets:  
2nd Mon 7:30 pm; potluck 6:30 pm  
Tigard Grange is having issues  
with heating and the new doors  
not fitting properly.

**Winona Grange #271** - Meets:  
2nd Sat 11 am; potluck brunch 10  
am Winona Grange lost a long  
time member with the passing of  
Brother Ken Dickson who has  
been a Grange member for over  
70 years. His stories of days gone  
by will surely be missed. Winona  
Grange will be hosting classes  
sponsored by the Alzheimer's  
Association, one on Tuesday,  
March 10 @ 2pm & one on March  
17th @ 2pm. To register for the  
Alzheimer's class call 800-272-  
3900. For Arbor Week in April they  
are having a talk on trees and  
shrubs that attract pollinators. On  
January 4th, Eight Grange  
members, six Sherwood  
community gardeners, and the  
new Washington County Ag in the  
Classroom coordinator sorted and  
boxed seeds for distribution.  
Winona co-hosted QPR (Question,  
Persuade, and Refer) suicide  
prevention classes on January 30  
and February 3.

**Forest Grove Grange #282** -  
Meets: 2nd Thurs 7pm. Goat  
poop bingo is scheduled for April

18th. Come join in the fun! John  
Knox delivered 400 dictionaries  
and anticipates he will be  
handing out an additional 100 in  
the near future. His son had a  
successful kidney transplant and  
we all wish him well on his  
journey to better health. In  
November Forest Grove Grange  
donated a wooden podium made  
by the Forest Grove High School  
students to the public library.



# AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD



**Washington Grange #313 - Meets:**  
1st Sat 11 am. Washington Grange is actively working on resolutions and hope to have at least one ready for the April Pomona meeting. The members are out volunteering and look forward to reporting their community service endeavors to the State Community Service Chairman this year.

**Scholls Grange #338 - Meets:**  
1st Wed 7 pm; potluck 6 pm.

Scholls Grange had a Wreath Decorating class on December 7<sup>th</sup>, as a fund raiser for a single mother of 3 young children who was seriously injured in an automobile accident. The Grange also hosted a fund raiser on February 8<sup>th</sup> serving hamburgers during a craft fair to raise funds for Grange hall repairs. For those who missed Scholls "Taco Night," they will be serving Tacos Friday, February 21. Get there early, they ran out the last time and had to run to the store for more.

**Leedy Grange #339- Meets:** 2nd Saturday @ 6pm Leedy Grange held a Dance/Fund Raiser for HomePlate Saturday December 14<sup>th</sup>. The dance was well attended (about 40 individuals in attendance), even Roxanne, a volunteer from HomePlate and her husband David joined in. Roxanne took time out during the event to tell people about HomePlate. Overall the event was a large success as they netted about \$665 worth of gift cards, \$200 in cash & checks not to mention the large volume of clothing, blankets, food and other necessities the homeless youth are in need of.

**Aloha Grange #773 - Meets:** 2nd Thurs 6 pm (ish) The members of Aloha Grange reported receiving their State Grange contest book.

**Dixie Mountain Grange #339- Meets:** 1st Thurs 7:30 pm; potluck 6:30 pm. JoAnn Tannock said Dixie Mountain Grange has their quarterly report caught up and they were looking forward to a February waffle dinner.



**OH!  
THE PLACES YOU'LL GO!**

**You'll be on your way up!  
You'll be seeing great sights!  
You'll join the high fliers  
Who soar to high heights...**

**You're off to Great Places!  
Today is your day!  
Your mountain is waiting.  
SO..get on your way!**



**Leedy Grange December Dance Night 2019**

Above photo  
Generously provided by Cynthia Parent of Leedy Grange

## Celebrating Being a Grange Member

In the past I have placed 3<sup>rd</sup> by default in the State Grange speech contest, "Why Am I Here?" Which basically explores why I am a Grange member and like most it is due to family and then becomes a habit. I have also placed in the skit writing contest with two ladies talking about a Grange meeting the night before and their neighbor asked what she had to gain by going. Of course, the response "about 20 pounds."

In reality, as an active member I'm always striving to make a difference in this little neck of the woods. Problem is, I am stuck with two letters out of the alphabet and can't seem to get past "F" for failure. So, my

motto has been for several years now "E" for effort "F" for failure. But, of course, "F" is followed by "G" for Greatness and many Granges have succeeded in making a huge difference in their community. "G" is followed by "H" of which every Grange member is familiar with "Hope and Persevere".

I hope everyone Perseveres and find success in their future endeavors. The communities in which we live are lucky to have a Grange and a member like you!

