

# IDAHO INSIGHTS

*News and updates from the Idaho State Grange*



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“None of us, including me, ever do great things. But we can all do small things, with great love, and together we can do something wonderful.”

~Mother Teresa~

#GRANGE-STRONG

## AT THE CAPITAL

What are we keeping an eye on? From the minutes of the latest Food Producer's meeting. These Bills are supported by the Food Producers of Idaho and are of interest to our Grangers.

H592: This legislation would establish a fund for conflict prevention and livestock depredation by grizzly bears and wolves. This fund will provide compensation to livestock owners and producers that have experienced livestock loss. The Idaho State Department of Agriculture, in consultation with the Department of Fish and Game and the Office of Species Conservation, will manage the fund and will be the authorized agency for compensation to livestock owners and producers. The annual appropriation will be \$225,000, containing \$150,000 dedicated to livestock depredation and \$75,000 dedicated to conflict prevention. - This Bill passed through the House and on to Senate Resources & Environment

H612: This legislation that would allow the Wolf Depredation Control Board to determine and pay for livestock compensation. -This bill has passed through the House and on to Senate Resources and Environment Committee. (More on Idaho Legislature later!)

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"In essentials, Unity;  
In non-essentials, Liberty  
In all things, Charity"

# Dictionary Project

WWW.DICTIONARYPROJECT.ORG

Word of  
the Day  
2/24/2024

**Umami**  
**u-ma-mi / ō-mä-mē**

noun

1. one of the five basic taste sensations, alongside salty, sweet, bitter, and sour, it is produced by glutamates and nucleotides and has a savory, earthy or meaty flavor.

"Umami is a depth of flavor that creates a lusciousness that invigorates your palate, almost making it mouth-watering." ~Allen Dabagh,



**MARCH**

"We proclaim it among our purposes to continue our historical appreciation of the abilities and equality of women."  
(Grange Declaration of Purposes)

**APRIL**

In our fraternity there is work for all and those reap the most abundant harvest of Grange benefits who contribute most liberally of their own time and talent."  
(Official Grange Obligation Ceremony; Secretary)

**MAY**

"For in our fraternity there is work for all, and the idler has no place among Patrons of Husbandry."  
(First Degree; Vice President)



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



We are constantly passing blindly along the pathway of life, events occurring that we do not understand, and often encountering difficulties and obstructions in our way; but we should press forward, having Faith that God will ultimately bring us into the broad and pleasant fields of Paradise



*Important!*

## SECRETARIES

First-quarter reports are due to the office by April 10! Make sure you are using the correct forms please.



## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

The March secretaries mailing will be sent out March 15th. Time to update your members mailing address and email addresses.



## RESOLUTIONS

Get your Resolutions Written and in to the Executive Board so we can review them and give feedback in a timely manner.

**DUE DATE:**  
September 1, 2024

As the lesson above says, we encounter difficulties and obstructions, and we need to press forward. Grange Leaders were given Toolbox lessons at the National Leadership Conference in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. These tools are meant to help us see a clearer pathway. "Tool is a noun that means whereby some act is accomplished."

We have been given the tools, their implementation will depend on each State to strengthen their Team building, Strategic Planning, and Grassroots Partnerships within their own Granges. The ISG Board will be working together to make sure we have a clear plan on how to do the same with the Community and Pomona Granges.

There is no "I" in team, "A team is a group of people who are interdependent with respect to information, resources, knowledge, and skills and who seek to combine their efforts to a common goal." The Grange is a team! National President Chris Hamp is encouraging work groups instead of committees or a single Director. This is an idea that Idaho needs to expand on. This is nothing new, just a different name. Years ago, Idaho used to have a FA Director and then District Chairpeople to help. So now it would be a workgroup. Back then they had no ZOOM or email and had to pay long distance charges to make phone calls. Now we can all conference at one time and see each others faces. Teaming Together the Family Activities Director, Community Service Director, and Lecturer have put together projects that intertwine with the Grace's Diaper drive project. You can see the team has put their new projects into the new Programs book that will be sent to Granges by email and hard copies along with 2023 Journal of Proceedings.

Community and Pomona Granges have you updated your Grange's bylaws? I encourage all Granges that haven't updated bylaws in the last two to three years should do so this year. [In the Quarterly Secretaries mailing a template will be sent for a guideline.](#) Also copies of your deed and by-laws are needed for your files at the Idaho State Grange Office.

It is once again time to be writing resolutions, the ISG Board has a new Policy in place for 2024. Resolutions submitted will go to the Idaho State Grange Executive Board to be reviewed for current policy or law and editing suggestions attached to the original resolution and returned to the Grange that originally submitted the resolution. The Executive Board retains the right to reject any resolution. Due Date for Resolutions: September 1, 2024 (2023)

*Fraternally,*  
*Eileen Javaux, President*

## 2024 FAMILY ACTIVITIES CONTESTS



### NATIONAL QUILT BLOCK

If you are interested in entering the National Quilt Block Contest please send quilt blocks to the ISG Office by July 15 to be judged at State Level and then they will be sent to the National Lecturer.



**WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH A MASON JAR**  
Cabin Fever Challenge - How creative can you be with a Mason/Ball quart jar.



### SNUGGLES PROJECT FOR PETS

Prize Money for the Three Granges with the Most Blankets

1st Place - \$200.00

2nd Place - \$150.00

3rd Place - \$100.00

Make a sewn, crochet or knitted blanket for an animal shelter. Donation to an Animal Shelter counts as Community Service project. Send your number of blankets to Arlene with pictures.



### WALL HANGING/MINI QUILT

Size approximately 24 x 30.

Quilted wall hangings: fall, winter seasonal, machine or hand quilted divisions  
Size approximately 18x18 or smaller

Miniature quilt wall hangings: fall, winter seasonal.

Machine or hand quilted divisions  
Pieced, appliquéd, embellishments, iron-on adhesives. (No hot glue)  
Or for fun (mouse blankets) size 11x9

## FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Arlene Ankenman



### IDAHO QUILT BLOCK CONTEST

#### Scenes of Idaho Theme

Size 12 ½ x 12 ½ inch using any pattern with scenes of Idaho. Could be cross-stitch, embroidered, fabric paints or pieced block. This quilt will be raffled off at Idaho State Grange Session in 2025 for a Family Activities Fund Raiser



### Family Activities Baking Contest

Baked Goods will be judged Friday Morning of the State Session

#### Chocolate Chip

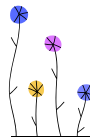
1 dozen on a plate covered with zipper bag

#### Soft Molasses

1 dozen on a plate covered with zipper bag

#### Best Apple Pie

9" - Inch Pie - disposable foil pan



## STATE SECRETARY

Amber Javaux Obert

Secretaries,

### First Quarter

Ends: March 30, 2024

Due: April 10, 2023

### Second Quarter

Ends: June 30, 2024

Due: July 10, 2024

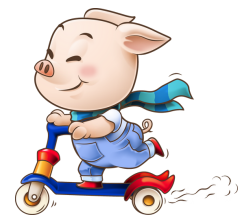
### Third Quarter

Ends: September 30

Due: October 10, 2023

## DO YOU HAVE

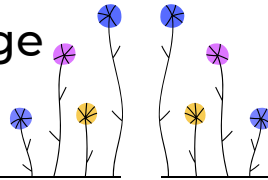
The correct forms?



For your articles! I really appreciate your submissions and getting to share your news to members across the state. Social Media is great but many members still love getting their newsletter.

# THANK YOU!

## 2024 Idaho State Grange Lecturer Contest



Lecturers will be awarded 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place cash awards for highest points. For full details please see the 2024 Program Book, which is on its way.

- Flag Presentation: Use the Flag presentation from the 4th Degree Manual for a program.
- Choose a degree to read from the Manual for a program. 1st through 4th.
- Did your Grange write a Resolution and send it the Idaho State Grange?
- What did your Grange do for Grange Month? April is Grange Month.
- How many entries did your Grange have in the Family Activities Contests? (Does not include the Snuggles Project entries)
- Include the Heirloom program in your Grange meeting.
- Did your Grange enter the Snuggles Project or another State Community Service Project
- Did any of your members enter the Idaho Photo Contest?
- Did your Grange send at least one article for the Idaho Insights?

**Did any of your members take part in the National Lecturer Contest?**

**Bonus points will be awarded for completing the following and including documentation.**

- National Grange Quilt Block Contest
- National Grange Weather Watcher Challenge
- National Grange Garden Design Contest
- National Grange Photo Contest
- Design a Program Contest



## Community Service

**2024 Community Service is defined as meeting the needs of the local community while benefiting its membership.**

2024 reports will be of your own design and the amount of pages will be up to you. The reports will not be judged against another Idaho Grange report.

- Each Grange that submits a report will receive a \$50.00 award.
- A total of volunteer hours not related to an event are not needed.
- The volunteer hours should be included for each the Grange event only.
- Reporting numbers of members and non members that participated in each.

Community Service Directors, it is your responsibility to educate and make available the information needed for your members to understand the programs for this report. Submission information is in the Programs Manual.

Suggested National Grange Programs to participate in and contribute to your communities.

- Reaching Rural Surgical Seniors,
- Heirloom Program,
- Promote the National Grange theme.
- Words for thirds.
- Did your Grange honor a Law Enforcement Officer, Teacher of the Year, or Firefighter/EMT?
- Did your Grange support the CFA Snuggles Project ? How?
- ISG Graces Diaper Drive for Infants. ( see the Grace program page)

**Remember to take lots of photos and submit your services to the newsletter to share with others!**

*Lily Sorenson*

## Family Health

In our part of the state, spring is just around the corner. Spring means "spring housecleaning." Did you know that "housework" is good for you? You may not like it, but scrubbing and mopping can keep you fit. You're in no mood to exercise, despite what you know you should be doing. The centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that adults get at least 30 minutes of moderate intensity physical activity nearly every day. But there is good news. What you're already doing counts. "Moderate" housework is an acceptable form of exercise. This includes inside activities such as scrubbing floors, washing windows and moving light furniture. Outside work such as washing your car, mowing the lawn and gardening are also good. SO, this form of exercise is available year round, not just for spring.

## Deaf Awareness

The Idaho State Grange received a letter from the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind. The following is a portion of the thank you. "Dear Idaho State Grange Members, Thank you for your generous donation of \$515.26 for library materials for our Deaf/Hard of Hearing Students. Our librarian is grateful for your support as she is always looking for books, DVD's and other ways to encourage

students to enjoy reading and learning. We are very appreciative of your support for the Idaho Educational Services for the Deaf and Blind. Thank you again for your generous gift for library materials for our Deaf/Hard of Hearing Students. We are extremely grateful.

Sincerely,  
Bonnie J. Marshall C.P.A  
Director of Finance

As you can see, our donations help the school. Now is the time to plan ahead to donate to the school. Before you know it, May will be here, the month to donate to the Grange Deaf Fund. Although May is Better Hearing month you may make donations anytime during the year.

## Would you like to donate to the Deaf Fund?

Please send donations to:  
Lily Sorenson  
16942 N Werrington Ct.,  
Nampa 83687

or to the Idaho State Grange Office.

Make checks payable to:  
Idaho State Grange, Deaf Fund.  
Thank you in advance!



## MOIR'S MUSINGS

**Gordon Moir**

Hoo Boy! What a few days of weather will do! On February 2nd, Ground Hogs Day, I was wishing people Happy Ground Hogs Day as there was no shadows anywhere here that I could see. No more six weeks of winter. Also one of the servers at the cafe where I go once a week on Wednesday was born on that day 63 years ago. I just love her and got her a funny card. She liked it and gave me a hug! I was one hug short up until then.

Guess what! The next morning we had a lite cover of snow on the ground. We have had snow showers off and on until just after lunch today, February 5th with melting temps, mostly in the high 30s in the daytime and low 30s at night. Slushy with sidewalks and roads are bare. My snow machine friends have not been in our East Hill, there isn't much snow but I hear it is deep North and East of Ashton. I just had a wild hair.  
~Gordon

## ASSISTANT STEWARD

**Allan Laird**



## Flag Presentation Contest!

Summon a fellowship of four souls to the Idaho State Grange Conference and partake in the Flag Presentation Contest. The unveiling shall grace the evening of Thursday, October 10, 2024, at the Pleasant Ridge Grange.

You'll need your own music. Full Details and entry forms will be in the program manual. The Idaho State Grange will pay registration for 2025 State Session for the four members of winning flag presentation team.



## Idaho State Grange Grace's Community Service Project

Diapers are a basic need of all babies, essential to their health and well-being. Keeping infants and toddlers clean, dry, and healthy helps build the strong foundation all children require to reach their full potential. However, 1 in 2 U.S. families with young children struggle to afford clean diapers for their baby.

Ways to get involved

1. Organize a diaper drive at your subordinate grange; this could also be a youth and junior project.
2. Take pictures and log hours in your Community Service report.
3. Donate diapers to local food banks, women's and children's shelters.
4. We will have a Diaper drive at the State convention in October.
5. Bingo nights or spaghetti feeds are great events to host a diaper drive and encourage community participation.

Include what your project was in your Grange's Community Service Report. Send pictures to [alissa.javaux@gmail.com](mailto:alissa.javaux@gmail.com) for the Idaho Insights.



## LEMON CURD COOKIES

From Hannah Taylor



### Lemon Curd Ingredients

- ½ cup cane sugar
- 1 lemon zest
- ¼ cup lemon juice (used the juice from zested lemon)
- 3 egg yolks
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ½ stick butter

In a large stove pot, combine the lemon curd ingredients, except for the butter, on medium to low. Stir occasionally. Once ingredients are well combined and caramelized a bit, then add in your ½ stick of butter. Turn to low heat and stir occasionally while you make your cookie dough.

Grab your Stand Mixer and add all ingredients to make your dough. Mix on medium-low speed until well combined and you have a homogenous looking dough. Cover the dough and place in fridge for 1 hour.

While your dough is in the fridge, grab your strainer and place over small mixing bowl. Pour the curd mixture into the strainer and press down with a spatula to filter any chunky lemon pulp. Then cover your small bowl and place lemon curd in the fridge until needed.

### Lemon Cookie Ingredients

- 1 cup cane sugar
- 2 lemons zest
- 1 stick butter
- 2 whole eggs
- 4 tablespoon lemon juice (Also zested lemon)
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 -2 tablespoons vanilla
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- powdered sugar

Grab your baking sheet and cover with parchment paper. Pre-heat your oven to 350°F.

After cookie dough is cooled, remove from fridge and add powdered sugar to small mixing bowl. Roll your cookie dough into balls (approximately a size that would fit in your palm). Then roll each ball around in the powdered sugar until surface is covered. Place cookie dough balls on parchment paper. Use a small scoop or spoon to make a crater in the center of the cookie.

Remove the lemon curd from the fridge and using a spoon, scoop out a little bit of the curd to place in each cookie's crater.

Once all cookies are filled, place cookies in the oven at 350 °F for 10-12 minutes. Then remove and let cool!

SONG OF SOLOMON 2:11-12

For behold, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.

Spring, a time of hope, and promise. After a cold and barren winter season we find ourselves eagerly looking forward to the warm days of spring, the promise of another year of watching our fields turn green with crops for feeding our fellow Americans, and our livestock. The calves and lambs will be kicking up their heels, a delight for the eyes. Easter is early this year March 31st, reminding us of the promise of salvation for mankind.

We are so richly blessed here in Idaho, with so much of our state involved in agriculture. During the times when we are out and about, and we drive past these fields and pastures, thank our Father in heaven for all we see. Ask for enough rains and warm days to make 2024 one of the best years of food production. Please

continue to ask for peace to come to our world's troubled areas, and most of all, for

God to continue to shower our United States with His richest blessings.



Well Done Good and Faithful Servants

In Memoriam of those Grangers that have passed on to the great Grange beyond.



Dorothy Clark

November 5, 2023, Dorothy E. Clark of Emmett, Idaho, passed away at the age of 97. Dorothy was an avid crocheter for over 80 years winning multiple awards at all levels, including nationally. Her needlework was spectacular, and she will be remembered for that. She led many 4-H clubs for over 35 years and was a Superintendent for 4-H at the fair. She was an active member in the Grange at all levels for 50 years. Dorothy was a past State Family Activities Director and the first woman President for Gem County Pomona Grange.



Lee Northrop

Mica Flats Grange #436



Virginia Kircher

Nampa Valley Grange #131



Dortha Headrick

Dortha was always a homemaker and had been a Granger for more than 70 years, first in the Rock Creek Grange and later in the Princeton Grange.





Connie Woodworth	Paradise Valley #389	Janet Robb	Blanchard #440
Larry Woodworth	Paradise Valley #389	Nancy Ropp	Blanchard #440
Deanna Davies	Pleasant Ridge #135	Rick Ropp	Blanchard #440
Benny Goforth	Pleasant Ridge #135	Brenda Berry	Mica Flats Grange #436
Donald Heuer	Pleasant Ridge #135	Jason Berry	Mica Flats Grange #436
Nicole Bruneel Zimecki	Pleasant Ridge #135	Abbey Meyer	Mica Flats Grange #436
Mary Powell	Blanchard #440	Gabe Meyer	Mica Flats Grange #436
Mike Powell	Blanchard #440	Julie Meyer	Mica Flats Grange #436
Jennifer Lang	Blanchard #440		



# GRANGE CHALLENGE

Kuna Grange is donating \$500.00 to the ISG Scholarship fund. They want to challenge any Grange to donate what they feel comfortable in contributing to the fund!



## Notice of 2024 Annual Policyholders Meeting

The Annual Policyholders' meeting of the Grange Insurance Association will be held on Monday, March 18, 2024 at 10:00 AM at the Grange Insurance Association, 200 Cedar Street, Seattle Washington 98121.

All Grange Insurance Association policyholders are welcome to attend.

# UPDATES

## FROM YOUR LOCAL GRANGES

### HARRISON GRANGE #422

Mary Buffett



Fun times all around at the Harrison Grange #422 women's auxiliary arts program, whom meet monthly with their inspirational, challenging and festive art projects. Thank you to grange members Debbie Gregoire and Rebecca Rothlisberger for their creativity and dedication to expanding participants skills. Over the past six months, projects have varied from welcome door signs, painted lazy susans, and festive Christmas door signs.



### KUNA GRANGE #59

Michelle Gumm

Hope all our fellow Grangers are staying warm, as I type this I look outside to 12 inches of snow. Brrr...

At the holidays we did our yearly food baskets to two families each for Thanksgiving and Christmas. We all pull together for this community service project. Food and Family, so important! We also donated to the Idaho Food bank to provide 200 meals. Grange members voted to donate to the Don Johnson Scholarship and Idaho State Grange Scholarship funds. We continue to challenge other Granges to do so as well. One of our Grange members coordinated a community meal for both holidays at our Grange hall. She is pictured here with our emergency service personnel who showed for a warm meal.

January: We delivered dictionaries, 546 of them, to our local schools for the "Words For Thirds" project. Our granddaughter is in third grade this year and was so excited to get hers, as are all of the students!

We also hosted the FFA Speech Competition January 22nd. This is another yearly project that we hold dear. FFA is an amazing group of kids! We love supplying them with delicious cookies and prize money!



Above: FFA Speech Contest Winners with members Mary Johnson and Michelle Gumm



Left to Right. Dictionary Project - Labelling with Donor Names, Holiday Community Meal and Bert and Mary take a turn on the dance floor.

# PLEASANT RIDGE GRANGE #135

Melanie Harper



December Christmas Dinner and program. Can you draw a Christmas scene on a plate without looking? Gifts for a family in need, below.



National Grange Teacher of the Year Yvonne Golden is presented her plaque and honored for her work with students at Notus Elementary by State Grange President and Pleasant Ridge President, Eileen Javaux.



# TREASURE VALLEY POMONA GRANGE

• March 16, 2024 - Maple Grove , 10:00 AM

## TRAVELING GAVEL

OBJECTIVE: TAKE A CONTINGENCY OF MEMBERS AND A LECTURERS PROGRAM TO ANOTHER GRANGE TO PROMOTE FELLOWSHIP

### MEETING SCHEDULE FOR TREASURE VALLEY GRANGES.

Maple Grove	2nd and 4th Friday - 6PM
Kuna	3rd Saturday 10:00AM
Nampa Valley	2nd and 4th Monday - 1 PM
Alpha	3rd Saturday -TBD
Pleasant Ridge	1st Monday - 6PM

## ALPHA GRANGE

LanaMarie Bear

After a quiet winter we find ourselves helping with the set up and take down of the Presidential Caucus as our first community service of the year.

Plans for the coming year include assisting with fund raising for the local FFA chapter, and 4-H groups in southern Valley county. Assisting with the Pride of the Pantry garden plots for the 10th year. We are looking forward to hosting the Treasure Valley Pomona in May.

## THE 158TH NATIONAL GRANGE CONFERENCE

Bettendorf, Iowa  
November 12 - 16, 2024  
Isle Casino Hotel Bettendorf  
1777 Isle Parkway  
Bettendorf, IA 52722  
1-800-THE-ISLE

## BLANCHARD GRANGE

Jim Conrad



Blanchard Grange,  
Potluck and  
Newyears  
Fireworks. Lots of  
money raised for  
charity. At least 300  
people showed up.  
Happy New Year!



Blanchard Grange, ready for todays food Pantry.  
We have given over 9,000lbs. Of food to needy  
families in the area this year.



## EDGEMERE GRANGE

Jim Conrad



At Edgemere we sold  
three of my hats and  
two pies for \$160. We  
sold more on January  
13th in Silent Auction  
and Bingo.



## UPPER BIG WOOD RIVER GRANGE #192

Hilarie Neely, Secretary

We planned a Square Dance for January, but  
had to cancel due to snow. We are hoping to  
hold one in April. In the works is our "100 year"  
celebration of our Grange. We plan to hold a  
Pancake Breakfast on July 4th before the parade  
and have a float in the parade.



Photo Credit Amanda Javaux  
Quigley Nordic Trails in Hailey  
March 4, 2024

## MICA FLATS

Jeanne Billmire

Last quarter was a busy one for the Mica Flats Grange, with many great things accomplished for the good of the order. We finished out the year with the completion of our curtain project in December. We now have all new rods and curtains throughout the building, with an added bonus of remote-controlled stage curtains. There is a freshness and a brightness throughout the building. The old curtains were installed over 53 years ago. We should now be good until about 2076. The Jolly Workers of Mica 4-H gave a generous donation to be able to finish the project in time for the Christmas Program. In December, the Jolly Workers of Mica 4H hosted a 'Traditional Christmas' program. The CFA put together 75 goodie bags for Santa to hand out. This event always brings out the Christmas spirit.

We hit the ground running in January when National President Chris Hamp attended our January meeting to present MFG with a check for \$25 for participation in the Affordable Connectivity Program. She gave an inspirational talk on making our Grange stronger, more valuable, and more relevant. She encouraged everyone to view the movie "Boys in the Boat," an inspirational movie that show what can be accomplished through teamwork. Thanks, Chris, for your encouraging words. We invite you to grab that oar, jump in the boat, and let's see where the Mica Flats Grange can go.

On behalf of the Idaho State Grange, Jeannie Billmire presented Ben Guiry with his ISG Firefighter of the Year award at the Mica Kidd Island Fire Commissioners meeting. He was also promoted to Lieutenant that night. In January, we held our first community service project of the year a pet bed cut and sew day for the Snuggles Project. Thanks to Jeannie and Bonnie for putting this together and the rest of the team for accomplishing so much in just a few hours. Many hands make light work. There will be some happy fur babies when they snuggle on their new pet beds. The Jolly Workers of Mica 4H held their annual Chingo fundraiser in February. A night of chili and bingo.

Another packed house and successful fundraiser for our future leaders.

Square dances are held on the last Saturday of the month. We have had a great turnout of dancers and band members for this family-friendly event. Our Last Chance Dance will be on **March 30th** as we finish the season, but we will return in October. Pinochle continues the 2nd Saturday of every month with a new time of **6:30**. More players are showing up and teaching those who have not played.

MFG recently purchased 100 Co-branded Garden Planners. Come check those out at our plant sale in **May**.

Our big fundraiser auction is **June 1st**. Doors open at 5pm, and the live auction starts at 5:30. There will also be raffles, silent auctions, and other fun. We will be bringing back our Golden Ticket Raffle as well. If you are in the area, plan to join this fabulous FUNdraiser. It really is a fun time supporting the heart of our community. Tickets will be available soon!



### WHEN YOUR FRIENDS ASK, WHAT IS THE GRANGE?

The Grange is a community-based national organization that provides members the opportunity to lead, the opportunity to learn, and the ability to make a difference through community service, grassroots legislative advocacy and educational programs.

# NOTES FROM THE STATE

## ORDER YOUR 4TH DEGREE MANUALS

These splendid manuals come at a thrifty price of just \$8, including the shipping. Wanna get your paws on them? Get in touch with the office via email or phone - easy peasy!

### *American Income Life*

As a member of Idaho State Grange, you have a no-cost \$3,000 Accidental Death & Dismemberment benefit. This AD&D benefit and other items listed below are provided jointly through Idaho State Grange and American Income Life Insurance Company (AIL).

You have received a mailing from American Income Life. Please return the enclosed card so you may receive your certificate of coverage and name your beneficiary. If you do not name your beneficiary, the \$3,000 would be paid to your estate and may be taxable.

*Register Online!*

<https://tinyurl.com/mybenefitsailife>

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE

>>> April 5, 2024 <<<

Idaho offers two scholarships to Idaho Students. The Don Johnson Memorial Scholarship and the Idaho State Grange Scholarship.

Send your soon to be graduate to the website for applications.

Why did the farmer bury his money?



To make the soil rich!

## FROM THE FIRST DEGREE



M.: I will now call your attention to the implements of this degree—the Ax, the Plow, the Harrow and the Spade.

The **Ax** is used to cut away obstructions in the fields and to prepare timber for use. Its use teaches us perseverance in overcoming obstacles; for, as by repeated blows it cleaves its way through the hardest wood, so should we by repeated trials surmount every difficulty.

The **Plow** is used to break up the ground and prepare it for planting. This should teach us to drive the plowshare of thought diligently through the heavy soil of ignorance, and thus prepare the mind for the growth of knowledge and wisdom.

The **Harrow** is used to pulverize the soil as well as to cover the seed. Let this be emblematic of that course of study and observation necessary to enable you fully to understand your business.

The **Spade** we use when we wish to penetrate deeper into the soil than we can with the Plow. It thus becomes the emblem of thoroughness. Whatsoever you attempt to do, strive to do it well.

# MORE LEGISLATIVE NEWS

## Idaho Agricultural Protection Area Act H608

APA's provide landowners with an additional option when considering protecting agricultural land in the state. The legislation adds a new chapter to the Idaho Local Land Use Planning Act that would provide the legislative authority for county governments to receive applications from willing landowners to establish a land use designation, known as an Agricultural Protection Area. This Legislation was sponsored by the Idaho Farm Bureau. Idaho Food Producers and Idaho Dairyman's Association both voted to support this legislation at their February meetings.

From the Capital Review: "A hearing was held on H608 this past week and the only entity that was not happy with the legislation were the highway districts. However, the legislation passed out of the committee and is headed for the House floor. The legislation is sponsored by Representative Kevin Andrus."

**SAVE THE  
DATE**

## IDAHO STATE GRANGE SESSION

**OCTOBER 10 -12, 2024**



**Hosted By: Treasure Valley Pomona Grange #1**

**Where: Canyon County Fair Expo Building,  
110 County Fair Ave,  
Caldwell, ID 83605**

**Where are we staying? La Quinta Inn by Wyndham Caldwell  
901 Specht Avenue, Caldwell, Idaho 83605 1-208-614-0256**

**All State officer's rooms have been reserved.  
Contact the ISG for more information.**

**Cost Per Room \$128.52 including tax.**

# NOTES FROM NATIONAL GRANGE



## *President's Conference*

### *Myrtle Beach, SC*

I'm not sure that I want to be without some lack of confidence. If you are too sure of yourself, you don't grow. You may feel confident in some things, but other fields come up as a challenge. And if you don't anticipate trouble, you will be in trouble.

~Lucille Ball~

The President's Conference is an annual in-depth training session for the presidents of State Granges and National Officers. Each year, the three day event focuses on a different topic.

It is a wonderful experience to work with the other State President's and brainstorm plans and ideas to grow and rebuild Granges together. The purpose of the President's conference is to anticipate the needs of our Grangers and plan for the year ahead. Below is a snippet of what we covered and you'll be hearing more as the year goes on.

This year the conference focused on building your Toolbox in a series of workshops.

**Tool # 1 - There is no "I" in Team:  
The 6 Virtues (The 6 B's) every member should  
strive to live in order to be Great.**

- ~Be Selfless~
- ~Be Trustworthy~
- ~Be Humble~
- ~Be Positive~
- ~Be Respectful~
- ~Be Great~

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**Tool #2 - Strengthening Grassroots  
Partnerships; Why do we need a Database  
(The database is use by National Grange and  
updated by the State Granges)**

1. To know who our member and officers are.
2. To effectively communicate via US mail as well as email.
3. To know our demographics so that benefits and programs can be offered.
4. To advocate for issues in your communities.



**Tool # 3 - Building a Parliamentary Pizza**  
Parliamentary Procedure  
Rules that limit, guide, and protect the rights of individual members.



# NOTES FROM NATIONAL GRANGE

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## **Tool #4 - Smart Goal Setting: Crafting S.M.A.R.T**

Goals are designed to help you identify if what you want to achieve is realistic determine a deadline and how you will get it accomplished.

## **Tool #5 - Accountability to Others – a Measure of Grace**

- Don't hold their hands but: Demand they are accountable
- Sometimes you need to slow walk them behind the building Counsel/Correct in Private
- Sit on the other side of the desk – what was the motivation? The answer will lead your direction and decision

## **Tool #6 - Environmental Analysis: A strategic tool used to set goals and determine the trajectory of a business / organization.**

Focus on your Strengths

What do we do well? What have partners and members said they've liked?

What is unique about our business/products/services? How do we outpace competitors?

## **Tool #7 - Who's Up Next? How to Build and Transition a Successful Legacy**

Establish your why - The process of planning allows an organization to prepare for the future, grow smoothly, nurture diversity and inclusion, and reduce disruptions in workflow and processes

### **Extra tools: Focus on Mental Health**

Our emotional psychological and social well being.

Influenced by biology, life experiences, family history culture

exists on a continuum

Changes throughout a lifespan

1 in 5 adults live with a mental illness



**GRANGE  
STRONG:  
ROOTED  
RESILIENT  
UNITED**

The term “Grange Strong” implies a collective strength that surpasses individual capacities. Together, this theme emphasizes the deep roots, resilience and unity that make our Grange community strong and enduring.

## **SOMETHING WE ARE EXCITED ABOUT**

### **Rural Surgical Seniors**



We are so excited to share this program with our Idaho Grangers. If you want more information now go to:

<https://www.seniorsurgeryguides.com/>

We have resources that we will get to you soon!

## **SOMETHING WE ARE NOT SO EXCITED ABOUT**

### **ACP Windown**

Without additional funding from Congress, the allotted \$14.2 billion to fund the ACP is projected to run out in April 2024. (This date is an estimate and may change.) As a result, the FCC has begun taking steps to wind down the ACP, which means:

- ACP applications and enrollments are no longer being processed as of February 8, 2024.
- Households who have applied, been approved, and are receiving the monthly internet discount before February 8, 2024 will continue to receive their ACP benefit until ACP funds run out, as long as the household remains enrolled in the program.
- After the ACP funds run out (projected in April 2024), households participating in the ACP will no longer receive the ACP discounts.

# GRANGE MONTH AND MORE


## Fellowship First Fridays!

Fellowship First Fridays! **March 11, 6:30 MST**  
 The Lessons of the Degrees with the Assembly of Demeter. This will be a quarterly Zoom for this year (it may continue into the future) with High Priest Roger Bostwick. Please encourage your members to tune in, especially those in Granges where the Degree work is not commonly performed.

## Subscribe to Good Day!

Please subscribe to the National Grange's Good Day! magazine. Just \$16 a year gets you access to our print or digital subscription. Learn more about the magazine at <http://www.nationalgrange.org/goodday> or the digital issue at <http://www.issuu.com/grangegoodday>. The April issue will be here before you know it, so now is a great time to subscribe or double-check your subscription.


**PLAN YOUR GRANGE MONTH ACTIVITIES. REMEMBER TO RECORD THEM FOR THE LECTURER'S CONTEST!**

APRIL	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					31 President's Welcome to Grange Month (Facebook)	1	2
	3 Grange Shirt Day	4 Raised Right Here Day	5 Grange Mentor Day "Prepare, Perform, Persist, Prevail" Zoom 8:30 p.m. eastern	6 Community Service Day "Solving the Puzzle" Zoom 8:30 p.m. eastern (sponsored by Grange Foundation)	7 Grange Contest Day	8 Grange Friend Day	9 Grange Hall Day
	<b>Grange Spirit Week</b>						
	10	11 New Member Forum Zoom 9 p.m. eastern	12 Community Service Forum - Zoom 8:30 p.m. eastern	13	14	15	16
	17	18 State Secretary Seminar - Zoom 8:30 p.m. eastern	19 Membership Matters - Zoom 8:30 p.m. eastern	20 Legislative Roundtable - Zoom 8:30 p.m. eastern	21	22	23
	24	25 Fly-In Virtual Day	26 Champions of Rural America Reception	27 Online Trivia Night Zoom 9 p.m. eastern	28	29 E-Member Forum Zoom 9 p.m. eastern	30
	<b>Legislative Fly-In</b>						
							

Event dates/times subject to change - check out the National Grange Facebook or [nationalgrange.org/grange-month-2022](http://nationalgrange.org/grange-month-2022) for updates


**#GRANGESTORY**  
**#GRANGEMONTH22**  
 USE LINK: [BIT.LY/GRANGEMONTHZOOM](http://BIT.LY/GRANGEMONTHZOOM)

# GRANGE MONTH



## Grange Month 2024

### Grange Spirit Week



April 14	April 15	April 16	April 17	April 18	April 19	April 20
<b>#GrangeStrong Day</b>	<b>Rooted Day</b> Show off your Grange's roots in the Community	<b>Resilient Day</b> Show how your Grange has helped overcome obstacles	<b>United Day</b> Show how your Grange unites members & your communities	<b>Grange Shirt Day</b>	<b>Grange Project Day</b>	<b>Grange Future Day</b> Share what you hope your Grange looks like in the future!

Share on Social Media with **#grangemonth24** and **#grangestrong**

# WESTERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE

APRIL 25-28 2024

TERRACE HEIGHTS

GRANGE HALL

*Yakima, Washington*



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## 10 REASONS TO ATTEND WESTERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE

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|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Food and Fun           | 6. Competitions              |
| 2. Winery Tour            | 7. Live Auction              |
| 3. Youth Development      | 8. Asparagus Farm Tour       |
| 4. Museums                | 9. Contra Dance Presentation |
| 5. Membership Development | 10. Food and Fellowship      |



Round 1: What is the lesson of the First Degree? A) Faith

Round 2: What is the lesson of the Second Degree? A) Hope

Round 3: What is the lesson of the Third Degree? A) Charity

Round 4: What is the lesson of the Fourth Degree? A) Fidelity

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## WORD SEARCH

GRANGE STRONG



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| achieve    | power      |
| another    | powerful   |
| challenges | pride      |
| champ      | reflects   |
| collective | resilience |
| commitment | shared     |
| common     | signifies  |
| embodies   | spirit     |
| enduring   | strength   |
| expression | strong     |
| facing     | supporting |
| goals      | together   |
| grange     | unity      |
| one        | values     |
| phrase     | working    |



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**10:00AM - 4:00PM**

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February 1st – Spring (March-May Issue)

May 1st – Summer (June-August Issue)

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