

IDAHO INSIGHTS

The latest news and updates from the Idaho State Grange



Photo Credit: Left - Alissa Javaux on the Hiawatha Trail. Right - Don Heikkela- View of the St. Joe River

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'We can't help
everyone, but
everyone can help
someone.'

~Dr. Loretta Scott

#CULTIVATINGCONNECTIONS

Idaho Forests have a lot to offer. If you are looking to learn more, Idaho Panhandle National Forest Learning Center has some great resources available on their website. They have many sections of learning for people of all ages. Under Nature and Science, you can find guides that help you recognize noxious weeds, edible and medicinal plants of North Idaho, Poisonous Plants of North Idaho, Wildlife of the Idaho panhandle National Forests, Wildflowers of North Idaho and Trees of North Idaho.

The website has information on History and Culture, Outdoor Safety and Ethics, and a section Just for Kids. If you are looking for some learning opportunities for your children or grandchildren, this is where you want to navigate too! To access the Natural Inquirer, you need to create an account. Once you have done this, you can access coloring books, magazines to download, and free science journals for Middle school and High School age kids.

It's been a while since many of us have seen Smokey Bear. Under the section "Just for kids," you can find a link to Smokey Bear. Videos on campfire safety, Smokey's story, and access to lessons and learning for Elementary through Middle School. Another link leads you to The Bureau of Land Management, where you can find an excellent web page called Learning Landscapes with lots of activities to help you discover "America's Big Backyard."

For those who enjoy traveling or who live near the Idaho Panhandle National Forests, the link "Special Places" gives you some ideas for day trips or long trips. The Pulaski Tunnel trail just outside of Wallace traces part of the route that Edward Pulaski's crew followed in their escape from the Great Fire of 1910. The Route of the Hiawatha is a decommissioned railroad that you can ride along. The signature site along this trail is a 1.6-mile long tunnel that takes you into Montana.

Don't forget to search out the St. Joe Wild and Scenic River and the Emerald Creek Garnet Area if you are visiting Northern Idaho.

If you want to know more check out the Idaho Panhandle National Forests website at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/ipnfh/home>.

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

President's Message

Brothers and Sisters,

1st Degree: A good Patron places Faith in God

2nd Degree: Nurtures Hope

3rd Degree: Dispenses Charity

"As flowers and vines cover the rough places in nature, so you are urged, to cover the faults and failings of other with the mantle of CHARITY. Speak good of others, rather than evil. Gather up memories of the others' virtues, and pass by their faults in pity."

We are in a rough place in our nation and the world today, COVID has changed our lives by creating uncertainty about tomorrow. Decisions are based on the changes that are happening locally, statewide, and nationally. Change comes in gusts of wind; we bend and flex as we go through our day, and for us that work in the schools, the plan for one day is going to change the next day and to have any success, we need to have a Charitable Attitude with our co-workers. What we used to do is no longer what we are doing today or tomorrow. These ideas apply to our work in the Grange. We are used to having our meetings together and the socialization that we all enjoy. We need to have Faith, Hope and dispense Charity to make the best of a situation that we do not have any control over.

Since I Google everything, I decided to find out what Charity is or can be. Charity has four aspects. **Time:** "Giving of our time is not about quantity as it is about quality." **Essence:** "We all have personal qualities that we can share with enthusiasm, hope, grace, gratitude, patience, and love. Each of these qualities brings energy to the people around us." **Talent:** "Giving of one's skills and knowledge, such as teaching, gardening, cooking, needlework, or singing, or sharing wisdom are talents that Grangers are experts in." **Money:** "The amount of money given is not as important as the spirit of the gift." Granges that donate small monthly amounts to help buy food, personal items, or gift cards make a difference in the life of the person or family that received it. Grangers dispense time, essence, talent, and money with Charitable Attitudes.

The Executive Committee decided to have a Virtual State Session for 2020 for the safety of our Grangers. For the first time in the history of the Idaho State Grange, we will vote for officers, resolutions and conduct our State Session virtually.

I ask our members to be Charitable as we work through this process. We are in a changing time, and flexibility is going to make us successful. We can only learn from experiences, and either we will not have to do it again, or we will know what works or does not, and we will adjust as needed.

As October approaches and if anyone needs help with ZOOM, we can have some trial runs to help you get familiar with it. Please contact any of the Executive Committee, and we will help you be ready for October 17, 2020.

Blessings to Everyone, and stay safe.

Fraternally,
Eileen Javaux, President

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Arlene Ankenman

Since we are not having state contests please remember that your projects from this year will be accepted for next year. Keep active, both physically and mentally. I am working on an Afghan that I have already ripped out twice! The yarn and pattern will NOT beat me!! Stay safe!

What's in your "pail of inspiration"? Let your creative side show!!



AG Notes

Gordon Moir



On the 16th of July the Bonneville Cattle Association held our annual picnic at the Iona City Park. It is always very nice there with a shelter and about ten regular picnic tables to be used. We had 51 people there. I asked for some time to talk (imagine that). Here is the gist of that. Mark this year down 2020 as unique and not just because of the virus, but here in Eastern Idaho we have some of the best crops ever excluding the rained on first crop hay. Some of the planting got held up because of the rains but now has been made up for. I have a friend that I have lunch with at the Blackfoot auction café on every sale day Fridays. He was 74 years old 4 weeks ago and said this is the best grass year he has ever seen. Grass and lots of flowers and some flowers that have not been seen before.

Joe and Lynn came to visit on weekend 12 through 15 and Lynn put two coats of stain on my new deck which Karen only got to use twice. Her urn and my empty one that a friend made for me sit on the hutch in the entry-living room for all to see and life moves on.

Favorites from the Grange

100th Anniversary Cookbook 2007

Baking Powder Biscuits

Irene Lee

Ingredients:

2 cups all-purpose flour
2 tablespoons sugar
4 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon cream of tartar
1/2 cup shortening
1 egg
2/3 cup milk



Instructions:

In a bowl, combine flour, sugar, baking powder, salt and cream of tartar. Cut in shortening until mixture resembles fine crumbs.

In a small bowl, beat egg and milk; stir into dry ingredients just until moistened. Turn onto a lightly floured surface; roll to 1/2-in. thickness. Cut with a 2-1/2-in. biscuit cutter. Bake at 400° for 12-15 minutes or until golden brown.

Makes 1 Dozen Biscuits



On Monday, July 13th we went for a ride through the lower hills east of Shelley and Firth. The dry farm wheat and barley are the best I have ever seen.

The dry land pasture looks great up Taylor Creek Road and down Wolverine Creek Canyon and Wolverine Creek Road. The shelves of the mountain have turned green with the seeds, soil and rain that they have had this year. What a great and lovely ride we had!

On Saturday July 25 I got to take a ride with my friend Boyd in the east hills in what is called the Delin area. Dan Creek, Hell Creek that flow into Willow Creek Reservoir and into Snake River. That area has lots of small springs and so homesteads were taken up around the turn of the 20th century. Most of them were lost for the lack of money to pay the taxes. The springs made the house and garden but on dry years the crops failed for lack of rain. A lot of the land is hay and pasture. This year has been exceptional and very pretty over there but they still need rain!



FAMILY HEALTH & DEAF AWARENESS

Lily Sorenson

FAMILY HEALTH:

Learning to be more optimistic can benefit your body as well as your mind. Here are some ways you can add some "positivity" to your life:

- Feed your brain good food. Resolve to think on good, loving and positive thoughts rather than on critical, jealous, angry, or bitter ones.
- Practice thankfulness. Take a few minutes each day to reflect on what you're thankful for.
- Relish the moment. Instead of dwelling on the past or worrying about the future, make an effort to notice and appreciate the present moment.
- Accept compliments. When someone says something nice to you, accept it.
- Lighten up. Laughter can be a great stress reliever.
- Choose a positive attitude.
- Expect the best. Avoid assuming the worst about people and situations. Things rarely turn out as bad as you expect.

Flu season is just around the corner. The best way to prevent the flu is to get vaccinated. To help prevent the spread of the flu. . . avoid close contact with people who are sick, stay home; cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze; wash your hands often with soap and water and avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with your hands. This can apply to anything that we are trying to prevent the spread of. Be safe and take care of yourself.



Lecturer's Report

Colleen Foster, Lecturer

This years photo contest will be a bit different. We are going to judge and give awards for unedited digital format photos.

By October 10, please email your best photos to Colleen Foster a ISGLecture@gmail.com. We'll be posting all photos to the Grange website. Submit your best unmodified digital photos in black and white or color.

- Scenery
- Grange Activity Collage
- Children under 14. Close up.
- Photo Story - A series of 6 photos that tell a story about an activity.
- Other photos.



DEAF AWARENESS:

YOUR HEARING IS PRECIOUS – PROTECT IT!

Here are a few ways to safeguard your hearing: maintain good health; go to the doctor if you have earaches or ear infections; when you have a cold, check with your doctor – flying with a cold may cause damage to your hearing; and ask that your hearing be tested as part of your regular yearly physical examination.

I want to thank those that have made a donation to the State Grange Deaf Fund. The School appreciates all that we have done. They have been able to purchase many items for the Library.



TREASURE VALLEY POMONA #1
BONNEVILLE POMONA #18
NAMPA VALLEY #131
PLEASANT RIDGE #135
UPPER BIG WOOD RIVER #192
PORTNEUF #229
MAPLE GROVE #244
RATHDRUM #351
EDGEMERE #355
MICA FLATS #436
KUNA GRANGE #59
NAMPA VALLEY #131

In Memory of Duane Sorenson & Rosie Peck

PARADISE VALLEY #389

In Memory of Norm Aldridge

LILY SORENSON

In Memory of Duane Sorenson

ROSIE PECK

In Memory of Verda Allen

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.



Take care and protect your hearing!

It's not too late to donate to the Deaf Fund.

Please send donations to:

Lily Sorenson

16942 N Werrington Ct.,

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or to the Grange Office.

Make checks payable to:

Idaho State Grange, Deaf Fund.

Thank you in advance!

From the Court of Flora, Ceres and Pomona

Happy Fall Brothers and Sisters,

The Graces are looking forward to state session even though we will be online this year. We hope for a great session and look forward to next year when we can hopefully be together again in person.

In the First Degree – Springtime – we prepared the soil with FAITH. In the Second Degree – Summer – we planted and cultivated, nurturing HOPE.

Third Degree symbolizes Autumn on the Farm when the ripened grains and fruits are Harvested. The fruits of the orchard are coloring and bid busy hands gather them. We must reap for the mind and the body, and from the abundance of our Harvest, in good deeds and kind words, dispense CHARITY.

The study of Nature enables us the better to carry out the principles of Faith, Hope, and Charity. Cultivate an observing mind. It is a beautiful thing to acquire knowledge and to share it.

It is sad to think that any human soul should fail to perceive the beauty of our world. Take time to listen for what nature provides. We hear tones of love, we see the truth in colors.

"Be faithful, be hopeful, be charitable," is the song Nature sings. Teach others how beautiful the world is through acts of faith, hope, and charity.

Chaplain's Corner

Florence Galland, Chaplain

2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-8

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Pumpkin Crinkle Cookies

INGREDIENTS

2 ¼ cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
¼ teaspoon baking soda
¾ teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
1 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
½ cup granulated sugar
3 large eggs, room temperature
½ cup pumpkin puree (unsweetened - not pie filling)
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
4 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted and cooled
⅔ cup granulated sugar, for rolling
1 cup powdered sugar, for rolling



INSTRUCTIONS

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Line 2 large baking sheets with parchment paper and set aside. Melt the butter, set aside to cool. In a medium mixing bowl, whisk together flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt and pumpkin pie spice. Set aside. In a large mixing bowl, whisk together brown sugar, 1/2 cup granulated sugar, eggs, pumpkin and vanilla until smooth. Add the butter, whisk until combined. Using a rubber spatula, fold in the flour mixture just until no dry ingredients remain visible. Set the cookie dough aside for 10 minutes. While the dough is resting, place 2/3 cup granulated sugar in a shallow bowl. Place the powdered sugar in a separate shallow bowl. Using a small cookie scoop, drop 1 heaping scoop (about 1 T) of cookie dough directly into the bowl with the granulated sugar. The dough will be very soft. Scoop some of the granulated sugar over the dough and gently push it around the bowl until covered. Place the sugared dough ball in the palm of your hand. Form your hand into a cup and gently roll the dough around until it forms a ball. Place the ball of cookie dough in the powdered sugar and roll to coat. Place the dough balls on the baking sheets, at least 2-inches apart. Work quickly to roll all the dough balls - there should be about 12 cookies on each pan.

Bake for 14 minutes or until the cookies are puffy, and cracks have formed. The cookies will still be soft and look a little raw in-between the cracks. Allow the cookies to cool for 10 minutes, transfer to a wire rack to cool completely. Keep rolling and forming cookies. Work as quickly as you can to get them all ready to go.

NOTES

Recipe makes approximately 36-40 cookies.

If you feel the cookie dough will not hold a soft mounded shape, add 1/4 cup more flour.



Community Service

Bonnie Mitson

In a time when our nation was asked to shut down, Grangers kept on making connections in the community. The following is a sample of the wonderful connections and service provided by the Grangers of Idaho this year.

In total across the state Grangers put in 7751 Hours of Community Service

BELMGROVE GRANGE #369

40 Hours

- Went around the neighborhood from driveway visits to social distance front door visits, making sure that people had the essentials.
- Calls were made to check on folks.
- 100 masks were made for a nursing home.

PLEASANT RIDGE GRANGE #135

783 Hours

- Sewed and awarded quilts of valor to 4 veterans.
- Furnished seed packets to children from school.
- Grange members made and donated COVID masks for school workers.

MICA GRANGE #436

535 Hours

- A Cow elk got caught in a fence, with permission the meat was processed and distributed to 4 families in need.
- COVID Masks were made for family and friends and community.

KUNA GRANGE # 59

1297 Hours

- We donated \$50.00 to Idaho Food bank which provided 225 meals.
- We donated flour, sugar ,salt, etc. to the local food pantry in Kuna
- We awarded a Quilt of Valor to Dave Lyon inviting our local QOV director
- Masks were made for school workers.

PRINCETON GRANGE

- Participated in Community Center Activities.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON COMMUNITY SERVICE
IDAHOSTATEGREANGE.ORG/COMMUNITY-SERVICE

RATHDRUM GRANGE #351

175 Hours

- Called our members and checked in on each one, to make sure they were well taken care of.
- 100 plus volunteer hours making knit caps for cancer patients.
- COVID masks making was 50 hours.

PORTNEUF GRANGE #229

350 Hours

- Maintaining social distancing 2 veterans were awarded by the Quilt of Valor by director Mimi Jones.
- Called members to ensure they had food.
- President Dorothy went grocery shopping for those in need to keep them home.

YORK GRANGE #253

4 Hours

- With the age of our Grangers we complied with the law and stayed home.
- We give \$1200.00 yearly to the local Shelley Food Bank.

EDGEMERE GRANGE #355

900+ Hours

- We have established a base of operations for training and education for Emergency Medical Services at our Grange.
- Ladies Homesteading Group to teach Home Economics, canning, sewing and preserving.
- We teach spinning through our Heritage Hands group, From the Animal to the Hat.

UPPER BIG WOOD RIVER #192

70+ Hours

- We have been busy turning a half-block piece of our land into a community garden.
- We provided seeds through the seed bank with careful social distancing.
- We have had 3 successful Virtual meetings.

NAMPA VALLEY GRANGE #131

40 Hours

- We started our community service year off Helping to ring the bells for the Salvation Army.
- We called all our members and made sure they were safe and whether they needed anything.
- We are currently undertaking the making of masks for our Elementary schools.

WELCOME TO THE GRANGE!

BLANCHARD GRANGE

LORA ADAMS
JACK ANDERSON
SHARON FISHER
JACK GURGANUS
SHELLEY HOLTZ
DEBRA LLOYD
ROMAN & ANNA NED
KEVIN &
DEBORRAH PURSIFULL
JAMIE WISE

HARRISON GRANGE

DAVE & DEBBIE HOGAN
BRIAN RIBERICH

PRINCETON GRANGE

JEFF HASH

EDGEMERE GRANGE

JR CANTRALL
SUMMER CANTRALL
CARMEN CROITORU
JACK GURGANUS
HEIDI HAMPE
SHELLEY HOLTZ
NATE HOOPER
SHANNON HURD
MATTHEW HURD
DEBRA LLOYD
HAROLD LUNT
BOB PETRIE
SHANE WARNER
STEPHANIE WARNER

Most granges are not meeting in order to meet social distancing guidelines. That doesn't mean Grangers aren't busy. We're still cultivating connections and providing community service.

PLEASANT RIDGE GRANGE #135

Melanie Harper



In July Megan Harper volunteered to purchase items to fill the Blessing Box in the vestibule at the Caldwell Police Department. Recently they removed the box due to COVID-19 concerns but are still accepting donations for dispersal in the community. You can find other Blessings Boxes in your communities. It is a 'give what you can, take what you need' system.

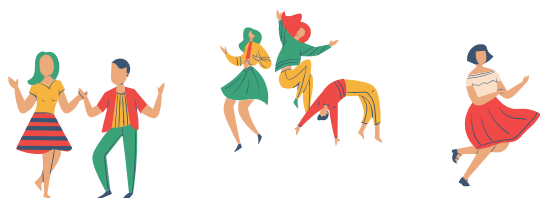
BLANCHARD GRANGE #440

James Conrad

Congratulations and welcome to the members of Blanchard Grange that were added this quarter.

EDGEMERE GRANGE #355

Congratulations and welcome to the fourteen newest members of Edgemere Grange.



Quiz Answers

1. Buff Trimmings, Yellow, Pink, Green, Tam o'Shanter caps
2. Autumn
3. Gleanings made of wheat or rye.
4. Gilded or silvered sickle.

Tam-o'-Shanter definition:
a cap of Scottish origin,
usually made of wool, having
a round, flat top that projects
all around the head and has
a pompon at its center.



Upper Big Wood River Grange #192

Manon Gaudreau

Volunteers, armed with their masks, and eager for some kind of social activity after a long Shelter-in-Place period, assembled early June to repaint the ramp and steps around our Grange, to pull the (noxious) weeds around the grounds and spread wood chips in the back yard.

We have been covering our backyard with wood chips in the last five years. It has been beneficial in limiting weed growth in that area. It is also bringing life back to the soil, and inspired us to start planting a collective garden, prompted by the 5B Resilience Gardens Initiative which began in April 2020 to facilitate the enhancement of our local food security. It is in line with the Grange mission to promote gardening, community building, collaborative efforts and community service. A community garden at the Upper Big Wood River Grange #192 is a way to serve its members, attract new members, serve the community, and contribute to the local community resilience.

We received a load of mature horse manure from a kind volunteer. The manure was used to amend the soil along with additional topsoil and compost. Two mounds were prepared and planted. One of them is a "3 sisters" mound with a sunflower and beans in the middle and a variety of 5 winter squashes. The other with squashes only, with a row of beans next to it.



A tower was made of a wire fence and was filled with straw, soil and manure and then planted with a few dozens of seed potatoes. A drip irrigation system was installed with a timer. If we get a nice crop we will share it with our Local Hunger Coalition. Otherwise, it will be at least a learning experience and an initial step for building fertile soil for the next season.



Our building is patiently waiting for a time when we can assemble in it again, and rent it out. To this effect, COVID safety rules were established and posted at the door as well as inside the building. A COVID release form was prepared for future users of our meeting hall. And the hall was cleaned with disinfectant. In the meantime we take care of our wellbeing, and of our neighbors, and are learning to adapt to a new way of life.

Maple Grove Grange #244

Harold Eshelman, President

You asked for what our Grange is doing since the situation for the virus has taken a turn for the worst.

Nearly everyone has either postponed or cancelled their activities at Maple Grove Grange Hall including our twice monthly meetings. However, we have not let all this spare time go to waste. Now is the time to get stuff done at our Grange Hall that had been put on hold or neglected for quite some time. Since the first of the year we have repaired our front doors, washed the walls in the dining room, hardwood floor room and hall so far. Did a lot of repair to tables where screws had come out or were loose. Jobs yet to be done- are get all the gum and tape off the tables and give a good cleaning. We have ordered the feet pads for the Lifetime tables which are still under warranty (36 tables in all). Thoroughly scrub each table with disinfectant. Refinish the hardwood floor and clean the dining room floor. Clean the kitchen counters, stoves, refrigerators and tables. Scrub the restrooms. We don't know when any one will be allowed to use our facility, but we want it to be as clean as possible when they do continue. However the utilities keep going so not sure what is going to happen after we run out of money for those things.

Have turned off the furnaces/air conditioners and unplugged 3 of the 4 refrigerators. The only thing going right now is the hot water heater and one refrigerator. Of course, our cameras are still going 24/7.

Hope and pray that everyone is staying health. God Willing things will improve with time.

Reflections in Time

NAMPA VALLEY GRANGE MARCH 16, 1920

Nampa Valley Grange No. 131 turned 100 Years Old on March 16, 2020. Due to Covid-19 and other unforeseen circumstances we were unable to celebrate. We are planning to celebrate 101 Years on March 13, 2021.

Midway Grange No. 39 was organized in a school house west of Nampa and met in member's homes between 1915 and 1920. It was reorganized from Midway No. 39 to Midway 131, the number of today's Nampa Valley Grange. In 1924 the name was changed to Nampa Valley Grange. The Grange met in various places. In 1934 the women of the Grange decided to put a stop to the wandering. They raised money to build a Grange Hall. In 1939 they bought the old Episcopal Parish house. They purchased two lots on the corner of 5th avenue and 2nd street, paying \$100.00 down. The hall was moved in three pieces, the main hall being divided down the middle. They had their first meeting in the new hall November 1, 1940, and we're still here.



Some of the programs in the early days featured debates---some of the titles were: resolved that the President of the United States have a six year term with no second term; Women's intellect is superior to man's; and our grandparents got more enjoyment from life than we do.

The Nampa Valley Grange Hall was added to the National Register of Historic Places at the local level under Criterion A for its significance in the area of Social History in February of 2013

HAPPY BIRTHDAY 100 YEARS



PLEASANT RIDGE GRANGE JULY 16, 1920

After an earlier organization floundered, the Pleasant Ridge Grange was reorganized in 1920 with 54 members. Meetings were held in the basement of a local church which had earlier been moved to that location and had no plumbing, water or adequate heating facilities. Members were more interested in keeping warm than Grange business.

A building fund was begun in 1924 with funds accumulated from dinners, box socials, raising sugar beets, corn and onion seed. Ten years later the now vacant church was purchased for 100.00 and remodeling commenced. A contractor was hired to supervise the volunteer work force and some paid help.

A stage area was added to the back of the building and an entry area to the front. The multi-level floor was replaced, two bathrooms were added and modern oil furnace installed. A septic tank was added and a well dug. The entire project consumed more than 2500 hours of donated labor and numerous years of fund raising.

Through the years members have been active in raising thousands of dollars to aid local people with medical and financial needs. Numerous school and 4-H activities were sponsored and held at the hall. At one time 4-H fairs including animals were held at the hall. Pressure was brought on the county commissioners to have local roads oiled and a school playground built.

Relationships were fostered in the community through yearly dinners and entertainment. Grange ladies volunteered at the Caldwell Hospital, serving juice, helping in the gift shop and making Christmas stockings for patients.

The building continues to serve as a community meeting place for groups and individuals, including elections, weddings, meetings and family gatherings.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

BELMGROVE GRANGE #365 AUGUST 3, 1935

Subordinate Bellgrove Grange #365 was organized on August 3, 1935 with 28 Charter Members. Meetings were held in the Bellgrove School House. Concluding the year was a New Years Eve Dance that netted \$3.65 in profits.

Even in the early days fun was had as George Allman won a giggling content in February of 1938. In 1947, due to lack of musical talent, a phonograph was purchased. It proved unsuccessful and was raffled off.

In 1958 the hall was placed in the Worley schools district and we received a 99 year lease from them. In 1966 we were able to purchase the hall and since that time have steadfastly worked to remodel and repair it as finances and available time have allowed.



We have donated to many charities during our existence. We raise funds from dances, food sales, card parties, and auctions and serving dinners.

In 1985 we celebrated 50 years of our Grange. We completed some improvements. At this time we still had two charter members Lucille Allman and Clarence Dahlberg.

From a history, written in 1973 and updated in 1981-1985.



1. What color are the Court Robes in the Third Degree

2. What season does the Third Degree Symbolize?

Million Dollar Question. What is a Tam o'Shanter Cap?

Look for the answers on Page 7

KUNA GRANGE #59 MAY 2, 1910 110 YEARS

On April 21, 1910, State Master D.C. Mullen met with 15 or so farmers for the purpose of organizing a Grange in Kuna, Idaho. A charter was issued by the national organization on May 11 to Kuna Grange



No. 59," which makes the Kuna Grange the second-oldest in the state.

Meetings were held in members' homes or at spaces used by other fraternal and social organizations. In the fall of 1931, Grange members concurred it was time to purchase their own permanent meeting space. By January 1932, the Kuna Grange purchased its current building from Ed Fiss. Constructed sometime around 1910, the building was originally part of Kuna's first lumber yard. In 1939, the Grange added a stage to one end of the building, using lumber from an unused building on the back of the lot. Then in 1948, a decommissioned barracks building from Gowen Air Field was attached, perpendicular to the main hall. This addition was used for the Juvenile Grange, and the kitchen, which women members of the Grange designed and built themselves, was moved from the anteroom to the new space.

Kuna Grange was acknowledged in 2005, when the Ada County Historic Preservation Council named the Kuna Grange as one of its "County Treasures". The building was damaged in 2011 when an SUV failed to make the curve where Avalon meets Linder and struck the building directly at the point where the two buildings joined. The building was able to be repaired, and even strengthened when it was learned that the two sections of the building hadn't even been connected to each other. Remnants of a brick chimney inside the walls were also removed at the same time. We still find soot to this day in hidey holes.

The Kuna Grange still fulfills an important function through community services such as Candidate Debates, FFA Speech Competition, The Words for Thirds program, which annually provides a dictionary to every Kuna third-grader, local food basket and donations to the Idaho Deaf and Blind School, are among a few community service projects.

(Excerpts taken from the Idaho Press Tribune 2016 article)

Quiz Time

3. What do the Sisters carry in the Third Degree?

4. What do the Brothers carry in the Third Degree?

Bloom Where You Are Planted

GARDEN GURUS



Would you like to submit a gardening tip or trick to Garden Gurus?
Email it to obert.amber@gmail.com
Or snail mail your tip to the ISG Office

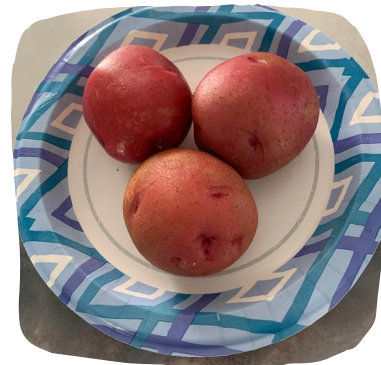
Guest Authors

- Tips and Tricks:
 - Use your coffee grounds on plants that like acidic soil. Evergreens and blueberry bushes like acidic soil. ~Michelle Gumm, Kuna
 - Do not use "certified weed-free" straw or grass clippings from lawns treated with herbicides. The herbicide residues can effect your plants.

Fall and Winter Gardening Tips

- If you are in Zone 6 or 7 you can plant the cool weather crops of kale, peas, lettuce, spinach and carrots outside before the end of September.
 - If you plant your Celosia, Asters and Dianthus in October they should bloom in early spring.
 - Plant garlic outside in the fall for the following summer harvest.
 - Start an indoor garden of Basic, chives, oregano, parsley and thyme.
 - You can try Cilantro outside. You might get a crop for your favorite salsa before the end of Summer.
 - Till the soil and remove plant debris in your vegetable garden to reduce pests in the spring.
- Start buying your seeds and canning supplies. These items were difficult to find this year.
 - Relax and dream about next year's garden.

NO FAIR, NO PROBLEM VIRTUAL FAIR BOOTH



Idaho State Grange Scholarship Awarded to **Aleita Falen**



I was born to Eric and Christi Falen in Murtaugh, Idaho, in December of 2000. Soon following me, my brother Cole a short year and a half later in July of 2002.

By the time I was able to walk and crawl, it did me in, and the bucket of sand was already on my head! That led me to fall head over heels in love with horses, livestock, and competition. Our move to Caldwell in 2014 has been my opportunity window. Allowing me to thoroughly enjoy my many years in 4-H, a year in FFA, and high school/college rodeo.

I was offered a job cleaning stalls and loping horses in 2016 with David Glaser, which soon led to assistant trainer and barn manager. That is where I learned how to be such a good horsewoman and have runs that were so awesome it made the hair on the back of my neck stand up! If I say, "I love to barrel race and cow cut," my family is like yeah, we know, that's why you're hardly ever home.

I am a small business owner retail raising and marketing sheep. I want to eventually expand my sheep and cattle herds, and own my own ranch that I train cow cutting and barrel horses on.

My future college education carries an accounting degree alongside a CPA received from Eastern Oregon University (EOU). My biggest desire is to give proper financial advice to individual people, ranchers, farmers, and small businesses!

Thank you so much for the scholarship!!!

Sincerely,

Aleita Falen



65 YEAR CERTIFICATE

DORTHA HEADRICK

Dortha Headrick is a 65-year member. She joined Rock Creek Grange in Potlatch, ID, in July 1952. She then became a member of Princeton Grange #426 when the Rock Creek Grange closed down.

It has been a fun-filled sixty-five years of Grange Membership and activities. I can remember when we were asked to join. My daughter, our firstborn, was less than three months old. And that was the beginning of our membership. My husband passed away in 1976, but I continued to keep up with Grange. I held numerous offices, all that women generally have. I do believe that I was never elected to being the Master and was satisfied with that. We were glad the Grange allowed us to take the kids so our children, all four, grew up in Grange though none of them continued to be Grangers. And now Grange is faltering. Too many evening activities and with most everyone working they don't care for Grange. And I understand most Fraternal organizations have dwindling membership nowadays. Thank you for my 65 year recognition sticker. I have it with my 50-year certificate booklet and other stickers.

Oh! Originally we joined the Rock Creek Grange in our community in 1952. When it folded, and I don't remember what year that was, I joined Princeton Grange as it was an active Grange and continued to participate in other granges activities. I might add the Rock Creek Grange hall is still standing and is a local landmark.

Sincerely,

Dortha Headrick



Joanne Hemmelman, Master of Princeton Grange, presented Dortha's National Grange certificate.

I owe a huge apology to Dortha. She received her 65 Year Certificate way back in October of 2019 and I've managed to miss giving her recognition for the last two issues. Congratulations Dortha! And again. My sincerest apologies. ~Amber

Well Done, Good and Faithful Servants

IN MEMORIAM

Vera Weniger



Vera (Wildman) Weniger, 83, of Coeur d'Alene, passed away June 7, 2020, surrounded by family. She was born Feb. 14, 1937, in Ackmen, Colorado. From Colorado the family moved to Utah then Coeur d'Alene, where she attended and graduated high school. She met and married Jess M. Weniger Jr. and they had five children before

moving to the Silver Valley. They owned and operated the Smelterville Feed and Farm Supply store. She and Jess worked side by side for nearly 18 years, becoming a fixture in the community and making many lifelong friends. After retiring she moved back to Coeur d'Alene where she enveloped herself in community. She served as an election judge, was an active member of the Mica Flats Grange, and a member of the Happy Family Club, where she served in many roles over the years. She strived to put others and the wellbeing of the community over herself.

To many, Vera was known as the plant lady. Her passion for all things green fueled an extensive knowledge of identification, cultivation and nutrient requirements. Her legacy lives in the knowledge she shared through mentorship, newspaper articles, group presentations and nature walks.

Interment will be at the Forest Cemetery in Coeur d'Alene. Due to COVID-19, no formal memorial services are planned.

Vera Weniger

Gold Sheaf Member

Mica Flats #436 / Rathdrum #351 (Affiliate)

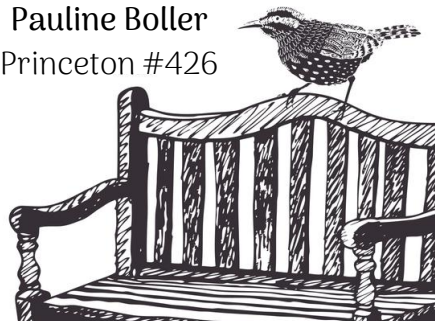
Leilani Hasbrouch

Gold Sheaf Member

Alpha Grange #368

Pauline Boller

Princeton #426



"On the Death of the Beloved"

Though we need to weep your loss,
You dwell in that safe place in our hearts,
Where no storm or night or pain can reach you
Let us not look for you only in memory,
Where we would grow lonely without you.
You would want us to find you in presence,
Beside us when beauty brightens,
When kindness glows
And music echoes eternal tones.

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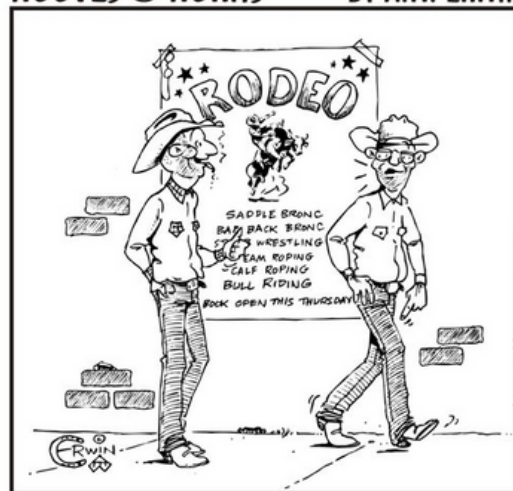
John O'Donohue

Articles Needed

- We need your Grange updates. No matter how little, we want to share what is going on.
- Agriculture related Front Page Features. If you'll write it. I'll edit it. (Or send suggestions and contacts!)
- Gardening tips and tricks for the Spring issue.
- Reflections in Time. Grange related or area related.

HOOVES & HORNS

BY A.W. ERWIN



"Where's my Sense of Adventure?? It's back in 1974.
I traded it for Titanium Screws an'a permanent limp."



IDAHO STATE GRANGE

Virtual Session of Idaho State Grange



Now that your eyes are open, make
the sun jealous with your burning
passion to start the day. Make the sun
jealous or stay in bed.

Virtual Session Dates and Times

- Week of October 12 - ZOOM - Virtual Meeting Information will be emailed.
- October 16, 2020 - Virtual Executive Meeting.
- Saturday, October 17, 2020
 - State Session opening will start at 9 AM MST
- State President Eileen Javaux will conduct the meeting from Nampa Valley Grange Hall.

How can we share the Virtual Sessions with all members?

- If your hall has wi-fi and you can safely social distance, your president encourages you to sign in.
- If your Grange does not have wi-fi please work within your membership to determine how to share the session with members who do not have wi-fi.
- Several Granges have already started to make plans for this.
- We'd love to share ideas with others if you would send them to ISGPresident@gmail.com

Election of Officers

- Each Grange will submit delegate names on the Delegate Credentials paperwork sent to your secretaries: Return by September 8, 2020
- Once delegate names are submitted to the ISG office, a list of the current officers who want to retain their position will be sent to the delegates.
- Delegates may add new officer nominations. Nominations are due to the ISG Office: BY SEPTEMBER 25, 2020.
- Ballots will be mailed to the delegates by September 28, if quarterly dues are paid and Delegate Credentials form are turned in.
- Quarterly reports are due back to the ISG office by September 28.
- Ballots should be postmarked by October 9, 2020. Any ballot with a postmark later than October 9, 2020, will be discarded.
- Ballots will be counted the morning of October 17th.

This process was developed by the Executive Committee following the examples of other State Granges. We have no policies or bylaws to cover a State Grange session during a pandemic. Things are going to be different and new, but we are in this together. Flexibility and grace are key in making it through this time.

MORE THOUGHTS FROM THE
WORTHY MASTER

Charity

"Be faithful, be hopeful, be charitable," is the constant song Nature sings, through warbling birds and whispering pines, through roaring waves and howling winds. As Harvesters and Gleaners of this wisdom, teach others how beautiful seems every fragment of life which is earnest and true.'

THIRD DEGREE

National President's Message: Remember oath, Grange values when going social

By Betsy E. Huber, National Grange President

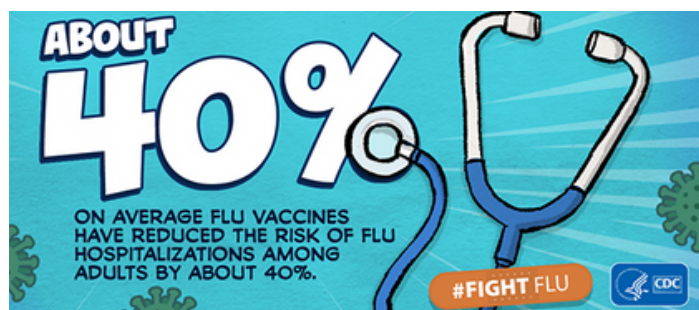
Today's world is becoming more and more polarized and partisan each day. Family members and Grange members are on opposite sides of current issues and feel compelled to promote their opinions strongly, especially on social media where the speaker is removed from face-to-face confrontation. We would never make these statements to someone's face, but we feel safe posting them on social media where we are protected from conflict.

Our Grange ritual and obligations are filled with specific expectations about how we are to act as Grangers – inside and outside our meetings and halls. In every meeting, the president is called to remind us during our opening ceremony that the purpose of the Grange is “for promoting the welfare of our country and of mankind.” In the closing ceremony, just before we go our separate ways, we are urged to be “quiet, peaceful citizens... keeping ourselves unspotted from the world.” These words were written at a time similar to ours today – when there were deep and personal differences of opinion and experiences.

Inflammatory posts and rhetoric do nothing to bring us together or promote peace.

~Betsey Huber

Inflammatory posts and rhetoric do nothing to bring us together or promote peace. When each of us joined the Grange we pledged to never “wrong or defraud a member of the Order or allow it to be done by another if within my power to prevent it.” Within our Order there has always been and will always be people of various diverse groups – of faith, race, ethnicity and political affiliation. Posting or sharing items that attack an entire party, race, or even a generation of people blindly includes the Grangers among them and wrongs them. When your fellow members of that attacked group see their Brothers and Sisters spewing hate for them, how can they not feel a bit betrayed and deceived that the Grange lessons and oaths were not taken to heart. Your personal posts can easily make someone in your Grange feel as if you believe them to be inferior or that you are disrespectful of those they love – an easy way to pull apart an organization whose founding documents have given us tried and true guidelines to avoid such a fate in an unsettled time.



For those who have been elected and installed into office, the pledge specifically prohibits using our position to influence the beliefs of our members: “I will not take advantage of my position to unfairly influence other members with my political or religious opinions.” Officers at any level have an extra responsibility to behave at all times as if they represent the Grange, and are held to a higher standard. To these individuals, a special reminder: there is a very fine line between expressing your personal opinion on your personal Facebook page, and speaking for the Grange you serve, because people know you are a Granger and may think you are voicing the general feelings of the Grange organization. Your generalized scorn for a class of people will make any task insurmountable when you try to work together for the good of the Grange.

“In essentials, unity; in nonessentials, liberty; in all things charity.”

~Grange Motto

Finally, and maybe most importantly, I urge you to remember our motto: “In essentials, unity; in nonessentials, liberty; in all things charity.” Before you post something, take another look at it. Does it show charity (love) to all? Could someone we love take offense to what we are sharing? Sometimes it's better just to keep on scrolling and not repost an item or respond with a comment if it will not be beneficial.

While your personal accounts are just that, your Grange-oriented accounts are under even more scrutiny because the content on them reflects on our entire organization. Please remember whom you're representing and act accordingly. This means avoid cursing or unacceptable language, avoid posting inappropriate material, avoid misrepresenting the Grange by stating views that aren't in alignment with Grange policy. Always be welcoming and charitable.

These moral standards apply to posts made to a Grange page by you through your personal account as well. Avoid posting anything that contains inappropriate content or language. AGAIN REMEMBER: you are representing the Grange and everything you post to Facebook or any other site is FOREVER.

I hope that we as Grangers will try to do better and do our part to restore civility to our small area of the world.

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NEW OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - WEDNESDAY -FRIDAY

9:30AM - 4:30PM

WEBSITE

IDAHOSTATEGRANGE.ORG

DEADLINES FOR SUBMITTING ARTICLES

February 1st – Spring (March-May Issue)

May 1st – Summer (June-August Issue)

August 1st – Fall (September-November Issue)

November 1st - Winter (December-February Issue)

Moving? Let Us Know
CALL THE OFFICE TO UPDATE
YOUR ADDRESS
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Grange Calendar

Idaho State Grange Schedule

Friday, October 16

6:00 PM MST Executive Meeting

Saturday, October 17

8:45AM MST - Log onto Zoom

9:00AM MST - Open Grange in the 6th Degree
Voting

Resolutions

12:00PM MST - Lunch

1:00PM MST - Grange Business

Quilt of Valor Presentation

Installation of Officers