

IDAHO INSIGHTS

The latest news and updates from the Idaho State Grange



A Brief History of a Unique Idaho Agriculture Association

By Guest Author Rick Waitley

In 1970, several Idaho commodity organizations formed Food Producers of Idaho under the leadership of farmer, Phil Batt, of Wilder. The first mission was to seek the enactment of farm labor legislation to remove collective bargaining. The Idaho Legislature enacted a law in 1971 to do just this. In the spring of 1972, Food Producers approached the Legislature with a proposal closely patterned after national legislation. This legislation defined fair and unfair labor practices for employers, workers, and their unions.

From this small beginning, Food Producers of Idaho has grown into a strong alliance of over 40 Idaho agricultural commodity groups and farm organizations. The organization has made other contributions to the Idaho legislative scene, including strong support of a comprehensive noxious weed control program. In 1976, Food Producers were successful in getting the Legislature to adopt federal penalties part of the federal pesticide statutes. It made it possible for the Director of the Idaho Department of Agriculture to gain quick approval for certain agricultural chemicals on an emergency use basis.

Food Producers of Idaho is involved in several special projects that promote and educate people about the agriculture industry. In 1975, Food Producers of Idaho inaugurated a program of bringing congressional legislative and committee assistants to Idaho to experience life on farms and ranches. The program engaged 197 participants who visited the Gem State until the program ended in 2007.

In 1994, Food Producers created the Agriculture Pavilion showcased at the Western Idaho Fair, the Eastern Idaho Fair, and the Twin Falls County Fair. The Pavilion provided fair visitors an up-close look at the Idaho agriculture industry. An estimated 40,000 visitors toured the Ag Pavilion each year until the program ended in 2017.

Annually the Ag All-Star Banquet recognizes legislators based on their voting records related to agriculture issues. The U of I Public Policy Tour Program exposes hundreds of University of Idaho students to the role state government plays in the lives of Idaho citizens. Several students who participated in this program went on to serve as executive directors and lobbyists on behalf of Idaho agriculture groups.

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"We don't accomplish anything in this world alone...and whatever happens is a result of the whole tapestry of one's life and all the weavings of individual threads form one to another that creates something."

~Sandra Day O'Connor

#CULTIVATING CONNECTIONS

Masters Message

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

With Spring approaching, I will refer to the 1st Degree of the Grange to encourage the education of the degrees. The Lesson of the First Degree is Faith: faith can move mountains. If we have confidence in the Grange as an organization, we can increase our membership and reputation as a viable organization. How can we do this? By "Cultivating Connections."

As members of the Idaho State Grange, are there adults, youth, or juniors in our communities we can cultivate new ideas and connections from? Each of our Granges is from different social and geographical settings. Still, we can strengthen our relationships through faith, and we will find a way for the Grange to survive and thrive.

We have Agriculture Organizations in Idaho that we could connect with. Connections with other organizations would increase awareness of the Idaho State Grange. Our memberships in Food Producers of Idaho and Ag in the Classroom, though small, are essential because they strengthen our connection to Agriculture. From north to south, from timber to fish, agriculture is a common bond where we, as a Grange, should be involved.

Richard and I attended the Master's Conference in Baltimore, Maryland, from Feb 14-16. There was much discussion about membership, involvement with other Ag Organizations, Bonding, Websites, Future 401K Program, Food Waste, Ideas for Fair Information Booths, and the State Grange Database. I encourage all members that have access to the internet to check out the Idaho and National Grange website for information on contests, benefits for members and Grange Month Ideas. If anyone needs the information don't hesitate to request hard copies from the office.

Our Grange Day at the Capital was heart warming as we talked to many people about the Grange. We served cookies, along with Veggie and Cheese trays furnished by Pleasant Ridge Grange. We are fortunate to be on the calendar for President's Day next year. I want to thank our local Grangers for setting up tables and displays. Richard and I were late returning from the Master's Conference due to plane delays, with team work everything was ready when we arrived.

We are in the planning stages of the Western Leadership Conference, August 7-9 in Boise. We have lots of fun activity ideas planned. The Conference is for anyone that would like to come. Please plan to come and make friends with our neighboring states of Montana, Oregon, Washington, California, and Nevada.

Just in time for the paper! We have a one year lease signed for Office B! That's all for now.

*Fraternally,
Eileen Javaux, Master*

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Arlene Ankenman

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Family Activities – let's get going! Spring is around the corner and you probably have been sitting inside waiting for the snow to melt! Get those muscles in motion, both body and brain. I've included one of my beginning line dances that my classes enjoy. Yes, it is a foreign language for your mind, so take it slow and easy and yes you can do it in the kitchen! Which is where I practice with the TV on so I multi task. So here we go!!

"Bump It to Cotton Eye Joe"

By Sue MacFarlane

32 count – 4 wall, Ultra Beginner Line Dance

HEEL TAPS RIGHT & LEFT

1-4 Tap right heel in place four times

5-8 Repeat with left

HIP BUMPS LEFT TWICE, RIGHT TWICE, LEFT X4

1-4 Bump hips twice left, and twice right

5-8 Bump hips 4 times left

WALK FORWARD X3, KICK LEFT, WALK BACK X3 TOUCH RIGHT

1-4 Walk forward right, left, right, kick left

5-8 Step left back, step right back, step left back, touch
right together

VINE RIGHT ¼ RIGHT & SCUFF,

VINE LEFT TOUCH RIGHT

1-4 Vine to the right with a ¼ turn right and scuff

5-8 Vine to the left with a touch.



FAMILY HEALTH & DEAF AWARENESS

Lily Sorenson

FAMILY HEALTH: Idaho Potatoes are big on nutrition! Healthy Benefits . . . they are heart healthy – fat free and cholesterol free, gluten free, plus a potato has only about 110 calories. Potatoes contain both simple and complex carbohydrates utilized for energy. One medium potato has 2 grams of fiber, that's 8% of your daily fiber. There is more potassium per serving in a potato than in a banana!

DEAF AWARENESS: Your Hearing is Precious – Protect it!

Maintain good health—many general physical problems also cause hearing problems.

Earaches or ear infections? Go to your doctor. An untreated ear infection can lead to permanent hearing loss. Don't put anything smaller than your elbow in your ear. Only a doctor can remove wax from your ear. When you have a cold, check with your doctor. Flying with a cold may cause damage to your hearing. Tell your doctor if prescribed medication makes your ears ring. You get your eyes checked. You get your teeth checked. Did you get your hearing checked?

Now is the time to plan ahead to make a donation to the Grange Deaf Fund for the school in Gooding. I'm adding Mica Flats Grange #436 and Kuna Grange #59 to the Granges and members who have donated. Thank you very much.

We received a thank you letter from Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind thanking us for our donation of \$396 they received after our State Session. They will use this donation to add to their Library: DVDs, books, and sign language materials to increase the reading and literacy skills of their Deaf/Hard of Hearing students. They are very appreciative of our annual support.



AG Notes

Gordon Moir

It's winter in Eastern Idaho for sure, January 26, 2020, and it has started a light snowstorm again. I love how the City of Idaho Falls plows the snow in the main streets into windrows, then loads it up into dump trucks like farmers have done spuds, beets, etc., for years and years. The trucks dump the snow on vacant areas, hmm, I wonder what the big cities do?

Some good news here is the price of spuds on the open market, not contracted, has come up to around \$15 per hundredweight. The other crops and livestock prices are business as usual. The Blackfoot Livestock Auction Co. will have more numbers to sell as the livestock auction in Idaho Falls sold out to the City of Idaho Falls and closed their doors the last day of December. There are 8 acres in total. It will be fun to see how that will be taken down.

The Chairman of the County Fair Board told me that next summer, another large building will be built for the beef barn. It's the first year in a brand-new facility, and it is full at the 4-H fair.

Karen and I are still a couple of handicapped people. Karen, more so, with her events shortly after my shoulder surgery. We are both in therapy. So goes life, but we are ok.

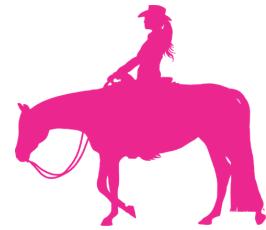
~Gordon

Moir's Musings

by Gordon Moir

Jannie's Saddle

It was often the case that farmers with about 80 acres traded help with relatives and friends to get hay stacked, grain threshed, and spuds picked. Horses wagoned the spuds into the cellars for storage. Dad and Gibson Walker, friend, and down the road neighbor, did the hay cutting together.



Each summer the Walker's granddaughter came from California to spend school vacation here. Joanne was about 8 or 9, I was two years older. We were pals and with 3 or 4 other kids we fished for shiners (we called them), Mom fried the little buggers up for us if we had enough for a mess. We pulled weeds out of the potato rows for a little money and swam in little Sand Creek that ran through Walker's property.

Joanne, Jannie, we called her, was the oldest Walker grandchild and a little spoiled, I guess. They got her a nice horse that was kid gentle and a \$500 saddle with bridle and all the trappings. When we kids went for a ride out on the roads, she had the horse (big deal), we other kids had bikes in various states of repair. Looking back, it was fun.

Gib and Dad hired four young men to help put up the hay crop. The two older ones owned a 4-door car. The other two seemed younger and talked of making money to go to Jackson Hole, WY and see the country. Dad put down straw in a row for soft bedding to put their sleeping bags on. I think Mom fed them their meals. The haying went well. Oh – I forgot. The four men ate their meals at Walkers while working there. Mrs. Walker was a better cook than my Mom. I knew because we kids ate lunch there when we pulled weeds out of the spuds.

The hay jobs got done shortly after lunch and the guys decided to go to town for a bath, supper and gas up for an early morning start for Jackson. Mom was glad that she did not have to cook them supper. They came back, loaded up their stuff and everyone went to bed.

Gib Walker was a man who always milked several cows, so he got up a bit earlier than most farmers. We had just sat down to breakfast when Gib came in with screeching brakes to see Dad. The men were gone (in the middle of the night), so were the saddles, bridles, all the tack and a full 5 gallon can of motor oil that had been sitting just outside the garage where the men had been sleeping. Gib was always a very calm man(He had raised four daughters). That day I had never seen him so mad and excited. When Gib calmed down they decided to call the sheriff. The sheriff wouldn't be in until 8:00 am. They decided to do their chores and then go in and tell the full story to Dean Wilkie, the sheriff. Dean said he would call the Jackson sheriff and give him the information and to wait. I think it took about two days. The four men were in jail in Jackson. Sheriff Wilkie, deputy sheriff Fred Keefer and my Dad rode by car to bring the four men and their vehicle back to Bonneville County where the thefts were committed. When the men got to Jackson, they learned that the sheriff's department had done a great and full investigation to find the saddles, but the 5 gallons of oil was not found. Dad kind of laughed.

The main guy said, 'They got nothing on us. It's their word against ours; they have no proof it was us.' The sheriffs had walked in in front of my Dad. When Dad stepped around the others for a look at the men, they saw him and wilted like a flame thrower burning a green plant. As they marched the men out to the loaded cars, the deputy had his 45-caliber revolver out, poking them in the backs saying 'step lively boys, we ain't got all day.' My Dad often laughed about those words and the gun. I do not remember any more about how that all came out.

Fifty years later I got a letter saying 'Gordon; I don't know if I have the right one or not but 50 years ago me and three other guys stole some saddles and other horse stuff. The saddle I got was old and rough and I got \$10 for it. Here's a \$100 bill to make up for what I did. This has been playing on my mind and bothering me all these years and I hope this kind of makes up for what I did. No name or address. Just a Pocatello postmark.'

Food Producers, Continued from Cover Story.

The organization meets weekly during the Legislative Session (January–March) and during the year as needed. Special committees within Food Producers deal with issues of labor, transportation, water, animal issues, taxes, and industry relations. Strict guidelines determine whether Food Producers will establish a position on an issue.

Membership has three categories: Voting, Affiliate, and Individual. The Idaho State Grange has held a voting membership in the organization for many years. Notable Grange members that served in leadership roles for Food Producers include former State Master Gordon Tate (President), and former State Master Mary Johnson (secretary). Rick Waitley, current Executive Director of Food Producers of Idaho, is a Gold Sheaf member and former member of the National Grange Youth Team.

Food Producers is a unique organization, we know of no other state that has such an agricultural organization. According to Rick Waitley, "...[other] organizations have inquired about our structure. They marvel at our ability to bring diverse groups to the table to find common ground."

Food Producers of Idaho lets the world know that we in Idaho Agriculture are united. You can learn more about Food Producers by visiting the website at www.foodproducersofidaho.org.

From the Court of Flora, Ceres and Pomona

Wildflowers are making the woods and hills glorious with beauty. Orchards are in bloom, and the air is redolent with perfume, plowing has begun and soon the sower will go forth to sow. The First Degree is Symbolic of Springtime

The implements of the First Degree are the ax, plow, harrow, and spade. The ax is used to cut away obstructions in the fields, prepare timber for use. The use of the ax teaches us perseverance in overcoming obstacles; through 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 through the heavy soil of ignorance and prepare the mind for the growth of knowledge and wisdom. The harrow is used to pulverize the soil, as well, and to cover the seed. Let this be symbolic of the course of study and observation necessary to enable you to fully understand your business. The spade we use when we wish to penetrate deeper into the soil than we can with the plow. The spade is the emblem of thoroughness. Whatever you attempt to do, strive to do it well.

Fellow Grangers submit your report at Idahostategrange.org. Explain how your Grange implemented the First Degree. We will publish your report in our next newsletter.



Chaplain's Corner

Florence Galland, Chaplain

I was asked to step in as State Chaplain for the State Grange Session in October for Pat Glassinger who was ill. It is now a permanent job and with it comes the job of writing an article for the paper.

As I'm writing, snow is falling. God does a wonderful job in landscaping. It's beautiful and white outside and the birds are at the feeders eating. Last week there was a big fat robin in the yard. I thought he was a little early for spring but it gives us hope.

CLOSING THOUGHT:

"People touch our lives if only for a moment and yet we're not the same from that moment on. The time is not important, the moment is forever." ~Fern Bork

May God Bless You and Keep You,
Florence Galland
Idaho State Chaplain



Old Fashioned Rhubarb Crisp

INGREDIENTS

1 cup all purpose flour
3/4 cup quick cooking oatmeal
1 cup brown sugar
1/2 cup melted butter
1 teaspoon cinnamon
4 cups diced rhubarb
1 cup white sugar
1 cup water
2 tablespoons cornstarch
Vanilla ice cream or whipped cream for serving



INSTRUCTIONS

Preheat oven to 350° F. In a medium bowl, combine flour, oatmeal, brown sugar, melted butter and cinnamon until crumbly. Press 1/2 of the crumb mixture into a greased 9 x 9 inch or 11 x 7 inch baking pan. Spread the diced rhubarb in the pan. In a small saucepan, combine the white sugar, water and cornstarch. Bring to a boil over low heat. Continue to cook and stir until the mixture is thick and clear. Pour over the rhubarb in the baking pan. Top with the remaining 1/2 of the crumb mixture. Bake 1 hour. Cool at least slightly before serving. To serve, cut into squares and top with ice cream or whipped cream. Best served warm.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In August, I was diagnosed with an intestinal blockage and was put on a total liquid diet-chicken broth, beef broth, Jello, and Ensure. In the process, I went from over 190 pounds in August of 2019 to 157 in January of this year. On January 6th, I had an Intestinal blockage By-Pass operation and was finally able to eat real food. Weight is now at 167. I am eating everything I want in small meals. I would not recommend that way to lose weight.

I want to thank all those Granges and Grangers who sent Get Well Cards. I am now on the mend and would be happy to hold my weight between 180 and 190 and from the way it looks, that will be approached soon.

Again, Thank you all!!
God Willing,
Harold Eshelman
Past Idaho State Grange Master

Lecturer's Report

Colleen Foster, Lecturer

Hello Grangers.,

Hope this finds you all well. The time is moving fast and flying by. Two months in to 2020 and spring is here. Let's not forget to look through your photos from Christmas and winter and think of entering the photos for state Grange contests.

CONTEST & PROGRAM MENU

ANNUAL MEMORIAL

PROGRAM

Most Granges have a program to honor members who have gone to the Great Grange above. The National Grange has designated the first meeting in June as Grange Memorial Day.

TOILET PAPER GAME

Pass around a roll of toilet paper. Each person takes as many sheets as they like. Once everyone has taken toilet paper, instruct the participants to tell the group a fact about themselves for each sheet of paper.

PRESERVING OUR HERITAGE

CONTEST

Take any piece fo Grange symbols, regalia or memorabilia and create something decorative and useful.

2020 PUBLICITY ITEM

CONTEST

Create an item to promote the Grange.

GRANGE IN ACTION

The Grange In Action program is designed to encourage all Granges to be active in their communities and complete events or projects, no matter how small

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS

THE GRANGE FOUNDATION

MERCANTILE IS SEEKING

DONATIONS OF HIGH-QUALITY HANDCRAFTED ITEMS.

All items will be prepared for sale at the Mercantile and profits will go to the Grange Foundation.

For more information, go to the website at IdahoStateGrange.org or contact the ISG Office.

Grange Day at the Capital.



Grange Day at the Capital, Presidents Day 2020. Top Left: Michelle Gumm and Mary Johnson, Top Right and Bottom Left: Juanita Hodge hands out literature. Bottom Right: Arlene Ankeman and Lily Sorenson, connecting locally.

Food waste is one of our world's biggest issues, and one where you can make a huge difference.

The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Foundation and the U.S. Department of Agriculture estimate that the average family of four throws out approximately \$1,484 worth of food and beverages each year. In total, roughly 40% of all edible food produced in America goes uneaten – much of it fresh fruit and vegetables.

Did you know: "Best by" or expiration dates on food are not required by federal law, with the exception of infant formula. States have a patchwork of laws related to food expiration date labeling. Labeling is not indicative of the food's nutrition value or perishability. Billions of pounds of food is thrown in landfills each year based on consumers' belief that the food has "gone bad" merely because of these labels.

How can you help? Compost! In addition to reducing food waste in landfills and adding nutrients to your garden, using compost will help keep weeds down, allow your soil to retain more water and help with drainage.

From <https://www.nationalgrange.org/foodwaste/>

Reflections in Time

Bellgrove School
Now Bellgrove
Grange



Bellgrove School is significant because of its association with the early development of the Bellgrove area and one of only two surviving and mostly unaltered rural schoolhouse with Kootenai County. It is one of the only schools that retained enough architectural integrity to be eligible for the National Register of Historic places.

The school is located adjacent to Bellgrove Creek and was within the bounds of the Coeur d'Alene Indian Reservation until the 1890's. Shortly after the treaty of 1889 white homesteaders entered the area, attracted to saleable timber.

The area was well populated by about 1910. The fire of 1910 and World War I pushed many people away. The Great Depression and drought in the plain states brought many settlers back to the area and agriculture became the main focus of the community.

Bellgrove school I was built on the same site along with two log school houses in the nearby Fighting Creek area. The Bellgrove II school building was built about 1918 and is the fourth building to serve the community.

Classes were discontinued several years after World War II when the school was consolidated in the Worley School District. Since that time the building has been used as a community hall by the Bellgrove Grange.

Information was taken from the application for National Register for Historical Places.

MORE THOUGHTS FROM THE
WORTHY MASTER

Leadership

"The challenge of leadership is to be strong, but not rude; be kind, but not weak; be bold, but not bully; be thoughtful, but not lazy; be humble, but not timid; be proud, but not arrogant; have humor, but without folly."

JIM ROHN



Quiz Time

1. What is the lesson of the First Degree?
2. How do you address Sister filling the office of the Master?
3. In what degree are the candidates received in darkness?
4. What is the Grange Theme for 2020?

Look for the answers on Page 9



GRANGE LEADERS' CONFERENCE
AUGUST 7-9, 2020 · BOISE, IDAHO

*Best Western by
the Airport.*



Connections,
2,417 miles away.

Susan Ankenman-Pennell formerly of Idaho and currently of Pennsylvania met up with Grangers who reported that they are ready for National Grange.



SHOO FLY

Submit a 12 x12 Block in turquoise or teal colors.

All contest entries must be received by the National Grange Lecturer by October 31, 2020.

Send entries to:
Idaho State Grange Conference or Christine Hamp, National Lecturer 16418 N. Birdie Road Nine Mile Falls WA 99026



ENGINEER MAKES QUILT BLOCK

Engineer, Scott Mitson got in on the quilt block making for the National Quilt Block Contest, here he pieces the Shoo fly. Scott's process is a bit different from other sewers.

First, he squares up his blocks with the aid of a rotary cutter and mat. Then, just like any good engineer he gets out his drill to wrap up some tiny details. Finally he sews the block together and ends up with a nicely made block.

The writer wonders. Are those bottom pieces upside down? It's ok, Scott, we just appreciate that you joined in on the fun.

WELCOME TO THE GRANGE!

WENDY COOME,
NAMPA VALLEY #131

Nampa Valley #131

Lily Sorenson

Sad to say, we have draped the Charter last year for two members, Verda Allen and Duane Sorenson. Assistance was provided by members from Kuna and Pleasant Ridge Granges. Thank you!!

Members performed the Grange service at Verda's funeral services. We provided rolls for Verda's dinner. A meal after Duane's service was held at Nampa Valley Grange.

We rang the bells for the Salvation Army in December, our annual community service event. We also donated to the Salvation Army.

We voted to accept a new member and will be giving her the obligation, her name is Wendy Coome. She is very enthusiastic about the Grange.

Business: We paid our Ag in the Classroom membership and to Adopt A Senior. We received a new password. Officers appointed: Florence Galland, secretary/treasurer, Louard Crumbaugh, rental agent and Juanita Hodge, Community Service. At our last meeting, Louard volunteered to do a program. He had a great joke. We'll expect some more from him.

Come
and see us.

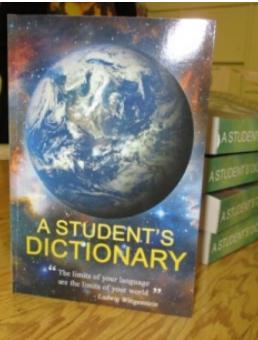


Quiz Answers

1. Faith
2. Worthy Master
3. Sixth
4. Cultivating Connections



Student
Dictionaries and
FFA Speech
Competitors.



Kuna Grange

Michelle Gumm, Secretary

In January the Kuna Grange hosted the yearly FFA Speech Competition. Students from Meridian and Kuna participated.

It was a fun event with some amazing young adults.

In February Kuna Grange undertook our annual "Words for Thirds", where every third grade student in Kuna receives a free dictionary. The children get so excited to have their very own dictionary to keep, and we are thankful for all who make this happen.

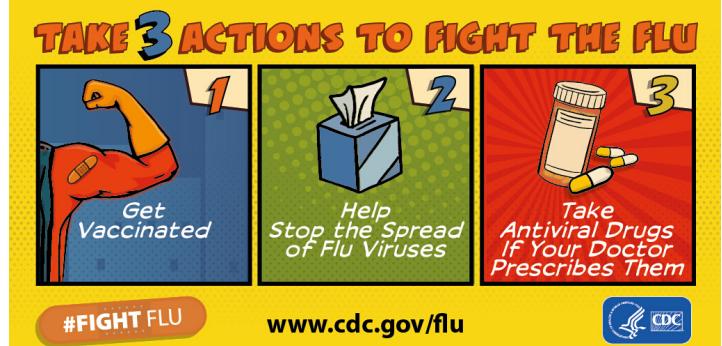
Our next focus is on the upcoming April Grange Month where we will honor local citizens and present a Quilt of Valor to a local veteran.



Notice for 2020 Annual Policyholders Meeting

The annual policyholders meeting of the Grange Insurance Association will be held on Monday, March 16, 2020 at 10:00AM at the Grange Insurance Association, 200 Cedar Street, Seattle Washington 98121.

All Grange Insurance Association policyholders are welcome to attend.



Pleasant Ridge Grange #135



Our +1 Juniors making Valentines for Meals on Wheels



Pleasant Ridge Grange delivered 15 Project Men bags to the Lighthouse Home in Nampa, Idaho. Our 4-H that meets at hall donated enough fabric for a Quilt of Valor quilt. Our Grange will be doing a Quilt of Valor presentation on May 11, 2020 at 7 pm. We also presented a check to the Notus FFA for three blue jackets. We had six of our members help the Idaho State Grange at the Capital Day. We furnished quick breads and cookies along with donated the veggie and cheese trays. Clothes and a Food Box was donated to a family for Christmas.

Our Grange will be hosting the Treasure Valley Pomona Grange meeting on May 16, at 5 PM. We have received seed packets from the Winona Grange for the Seed Project. We will be partnering with local school garden to give each student a seed packet and have the extra available in the Food Bank



She is in intensive physical therapy and having to move back home with her mom while she gets through this.

The Edgemere Grange felt the need to help this family out, so we dedicated our January Bingo night to raise funds for this family. With all of the generous donations from area businesses and local residents, and a fantastic community filling our Grange hall, we were able to raise over \$2200 to go towards Lisa's medical bills! Our Grange is hoping to have the resources to be able to hold a couple of fundraisers a year to benefit local community members in need.

Other news: The Edgemere Grange will hold a fundraiser bingo and silent auction night to raise funds for upgrades to our building on June 13th, 2020. We are located at 3273 Bandy Road, Priest River, ID 83856. For more information about our events and our Grange, please find us on Facebook 'Edgemere Grange #355' or go to our website www.edgemeregrange355.wixsite.com/mysite

SAVE THE DATE



Idaho State Grange Conference

October 15 - 17 2020

Coeur D'Alene, Idaho



EDGEMERE GRANGE #355

The Edgemere Grange #355 held a bingo and silent auction fundraiser for a local family. Alan and Lisa Ropp were on their way to a celebratory dinner on Veteran's day, as Alan was a proud veteran. They were involved in a vehicle accident, where Alan was pronounced dead at the scene, and his wife, Lisa, was critically injured. Alan left behind a 5-year-old daughter.

Well Done, Good and Faithful Servants

IN MEMORIAM



Leslie "Roger" Falen began his trip to heaven on December 8, 2019. Born April 27, 1938, in Caldwell, Idaho, Roger grew up in remote Owyhee County, Idaho. Roger graduated from Marsing High School, then moved to Moscow, where he obtained a B.S. in Animal Science. Roger was drafted into the Army in 1961 and, in 1964, returned to U of I and earned his Master's Degree in Animal Science. After many square-dances and adventures with Anita Lynn Gridley; they were married on July 27, 1968, at Glenns Ferry, Idaho.

Roger's career led him on a 16-year journey as a manager/nutritionist across the nation. Eventually, Roger returned to the UI-Animal Science Department.

Most of Roger's endeavors involved livestock, horses, and agriculture. In 2002, Roger and Anita formed saddle club - C Bar F Saddle/Equine Youth Club and are still active members of the Idaho Saddle Club Association. Roger was an unofficial Genesee 4-H Livestock Club project leader, leading several different projects, providing leadership and transportation for youth/animals.

Roger was a lifelong supporter of FFA, and a cheerful supporter of his children and grandchildren in their FFA work. He also endorsed the Scouts, most recently supporting his grandson's Eagle Scout badge by helping make improvements at rural Latah Co. Pomona Park.

Roger spent his "spare" time involved in his community, county, and state. He ran for Latah County state representative, he lost but still loved to debate topics, agendas, and programs. Roger joined the Genesee Planning/Zoning (P/Z) committee and was still meeting on city P/Z requests. Roger belonged to the Genesee Civic Association and the Latah County AARP chapter. Roger was a 16-year member of the Genesee American Legion and loved talking with members about their military participation. Roger gave 10-years of service to the Latah County Preservation Commission. Roger's service to the Latah Pomona Grange #17 and Moscow Grange #452 includes the Latah Fair Grange food booth, farm safety poster contests for elementary students, and maintaining the rural Pomona Park. At the annual 4-H awards, Roger presented the Pomona incentive ribbons and the Gerald/Grace Ingle Scholarship award.

Roger attended many events for his children/grandchildren, enjoying listening to them play, sing, ride horses, and dance. Memorial services will take place in the spring with a military burial at the Genesee City Cemetery. If you would like to learn more about Rogers life. Visit Idahostategrange.org

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Remember Me

Don't remember me with sadness,
don't remember me with tears,
Remember all the laughter,
We've shared throughout the years.

Now I am contented
That my life was worthwhile,
Knowing that I passed along the way
I made somebody smile.



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- March 21---Treasure Valley Pomona at Nampa Valley: Noon – potluck & meeting
- March 20---Nampa Valley Grange: Noon – potluck and meeting
- April 3-----Nampa Valley Grange: Noon – potluck and meeting
- April 6----- Pleasant Ridge Grange meeting at 6 PM
- April 17----Nampa Valley Grange: Noon – potluck and meeting
- May 1-----Nampa Valley Grange: Noon – potluck and meeting
- May 15-----Nampa Valley Grange: Noon – potluck and meeting
- May 16-----Treasure Valley Pomona at Pleasant Ridge at 5:00
- March 5 -----Mica Flats Business Meeting 7:00 PM
- March 14----Mica Flats Pinochle 7:00 PM Bring a snack to share.
- March 14----Kuna Grange Game Night 6:30 PM
- March 20---Mica Flats Social Meeting 7:00 PM
- March 28---Mica Flats Last Grange Dance for the Season 7:30 PM
- March 28---Kuna Grange Game Night 6:30
- April 5 -----Mica Flats Business Meeting 7:00 PM
- April 11-----Mica Flats Pinochle at 7:00 PM Bring a snack to share.
- April 17 -----Mica Flats Legislative Open Forum (Sheriff Candidates) 6:30 PM
- April 18-----Kuna Grange Game Night 6:30
- May 11-----Pleasant Ridge Grange Quilt of Valor Presentation 7 PM
- May 15 ----- Mica Flats Social Meeting 6:30

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