

# IDAHO INSIGHTS

*The latest news and updates from the Idaho State Grange*



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"The Greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members.

~Coretta Scott King

#CULTIVATINGCONNECTIONS

## Moving Agriculture to the Classroom

By Amber Obert

According to the Idaho Farm Bureau Federation, kids who grew up in the 1950s had an 82% chance of living on a farm or in a farm community. Estimates show that by 2050 that number will be down to 18%, and most people will not know where their food comes from.

This week I had an opportunity to speak with Joel Benson of the Idaho Farm Bureau Federation regarding the Moving Agriculture to the Classroom program. This program was started by a committee of Idaho Farmers that wanted to show kids where their food comes from.

Many states use semi-trailers for their agriculture programs; however, the Farm Bureau decided to have modules in trailers to allow for portability and quickly moving displays into schools and classrooms. The first module was a fiberglass cow called Maggie, and then the wheat module was added.

All of the modules are interactive and allow kids to have hands-on experience with the displays, and kids can get up and see how food works. In the Grain module, students get to grind wheat and make pancakes, in the Dairy Module, they get to milk Maggie the cow and make butter. A watershed module has been added allows students to see the natural cycle of water and how water is diverted and moved to where it needs to go. The Farm Bureau has created its own big books that are 4 Foot by Foot that go with the modules. The first version was 8 feet by 5 feet; they quickly learned this was a bit large.

A unique feature of MAC is that the farmers and ranchers that live in your area present the information to the students.

If you are a teacher and want to bring the module to your school, contact the regional manager or Peggy Moore at 208-239-4271. The use of the modules is free. However, some extra supplies may need to be purchased by the school or teacher. **Learn more at <https://www.idahofb.org/mac-1>**

## Masters Message

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

The lesson of the Second Degree is to "nurture hope." How fitting the Second Degree is in our challenges of coping with COVID-19. But what is it to nurture hope? The definitions of hope are: "Hope is an optimistic state of mind that is based on an expectation of positive outcomes for events and circumstances in one's life or the world at large. As a verb, definitions include: "expect with confidence" and "to cherish a desire with anticipation. "Hope allows people to approach problems with a mindset and strategy-set suitable for success, thereby increasing their chances of accomplishing their goals." **We can nurture hope in our Granges by looking for examples to inspire people.**

Some of our members were inspired to make masks for Food Service Workers, Health Care workers, Grange Members, and friends. The Granges that provided parking lots to serve meals and assisted Food Banks with food and cash donations are my Heroes!

As for my Food Service Staff and me, we had to approach a new way of making sure the families of our district had meals. With a positive mindset, we were successful in making sure meals were delivered and hold the satisfaction of knowing students had nutritious meals five days a week.

As we move forward, we are finding ways to cope with the complications of COVID-19 now and in the future and continue to nurture hope that we will return to our regular routines again.

Due to Idaho's Stay at Home Policy, our Granges have not been meeting. As we move into Phase Four, we can start having our usual functions at our halls. I have hope that our members will return and be encouraged to reach out to friends and neighbors to show them what we have to offer and hope they will become new members. National Grange has been Cultivating Connections on Facebook and YouTube. They have brought a new look to communicating with members. Please check out the National Grange webpage to watch recorded zoom meetings.

Due to concerns of COVID-19; Western Regional Leadership Conference has been postponed to August 2021 in Boise. Washington State's Grange Convention has been postponed until October and Oregon State Grange has been delayed until a later date. As Idaho looks forward to October, we also will need to be aware of the best interests of our members. With technology, it is possible to connect digitally and have some type of meeting in October, even if we are on a stay at home order. We will need resolutions: education, agriculture, and legislative are always good subjects.

In these last months, Idaho State Grange lost four sisters of the order: Lavona, Karen, Florence, and Rosie, that are valued beyond words. I looked up to these ladies with respect, admiration, and awe of their many talents, kindnesses, knowledge, and their "I would be delighted responses." I will miss their encouragement in my endeavors. Their example of hope and positivity will sustain us through these uncertain times. Well done, Sisters!

*Fraternally,*  
Eileen Javaux, Master

## FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Arlene Ankenman

House cleaning!! Had to keep busy and moving so I cleaned out a box. Made 12 masks and sent them along with 27 yards of fabric to Tacoma Lutheran Home. Mom was always buying elastic (I donated it to the youth ranch a couple years ago, who would have known?).

I still have lots of cotton fabrics, even after I sent a car load to Cascade! When mom moved in with me, she had all this stuff, she could have opened her own fabric store with all the bias tape, elastic and zippers that she had purchased. Not counting all the crochet thread and yarn she had. Then I started in mom's files and came across the article on the right!

It's all being put to good use mom! Stay active, stay safe!!

## REMINDERS

### PAIS OF INSPIRATION

Get your creative game on to make your bucket

### NEEDLEWORK & CRAFT CONTEST

Check out [Idahostategrange.org](http://Idahostategrange.org) for the contest brochure.

### BAKING CONTEST

Peanut Brittle - Quart Bag, 1/2 Full  
Caramel Corn - 1 Gallon Zip-Lock Bag  
Quick Bread - One Loaf (Check out the recipe below!)

### Cinnamon Swirl

#### Quick Bread

2 cups all-purpose flour  
1-1/2 cups sugar, divided  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 cup buttermilk  
1 large egg, room temperature  
1/4 cup canola oil  
3 teaspoons ground cinnamon

#### GLAZE:

1/4 cup confectioners' sugar  
1-1/2 to 2 teaspoons whole milk



Mrs. Jacquelyn Leach (center) of Salmon, Idaho, received a \$1,150 award with this tablecloth, made from Volume #14 of Elizabeth Hiddleson's series of Crochet Books. Photography by Bob Johnson, Courtesy of the Recorder Herald, Salmon, Idaho

Jacquelyn Leach was presented \$1,000 Saturday night as a grand national award winner of the National Grange's Needlework contest. Mrs. Leach became the first person in the state of Idaho ever to win the grand national award. She received an additional \$150 for winning first place in the division in the nation. Presenting Mrs. Leach her award were Gordon Tate, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, State Grange Master and Mrs. Edward Bush, Gooding, Idaho, State Grange Women's Activities Chairman. This cloth has won five ribbons, one at the Lemhi County Fair, one at the Pomona Grange, later first place Idaho Grange Award, first place nationally, and the Grand National Award.

Jackie, you've done a great job.

Elizabeth



Preheat oven to 350°. In a large bowl, combine flour, 1 cup sugar, baking soda and salt. Combine buttermilk, egg and oil; stir into dry ingredients just until moistened. In a small bowl, combine cinnamon and remaining sugar.

Grease the bottom only of a 9x5-in. loaf pan. Pour half the batter into pan; sprinkle with half the cinnamon-sugar. Carefully spread with remaining batter and sprinkle with remaining cinnamon-sugar; cut through batter with a knife to swirl.

Bake 45-50 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool 10 minutes before removing from pan to a wire rack to cool completely. Combine confectioners' sugar and enough milk to reach desired consistency; drizzle over loaf.

#### Nutrition Facts

1 slice: 179 calories, 4g fat (1g saturated fat), 14mg cholesterol, 173mg sodium, 34g carbohydrate (21g sugars, 1g fiber), 3g protein.

From Taste of Home

## FAMILY HEALTH & DEAF AWARENESS

Lily Sorenson

**FAMILY HEALTH:** Exercise: How to Stay Active

One of the best ways to stay physically active is to make it a life-long habit. Set yourself up to succeed right from the start by seeking to make exercise a regular part of your day. When it becomes a normal part of your everyday routine, like brushing your teeth, then you'll be less likely to stop and will find it easier to start up again if you're interrupted for some reason. Being active is one of the most important things you can do each day to maintain and improve your health. Try being active first thing in the morning before you get busy. Do more of the activities you already like and know how to do. Walk the entire mall or every aisle of the grocery store when you go shopping. Move more for heart benefits. Park your car at the far end of a parking lot, so you have farther to walk to a building's entrance. Choose the stairs rather than the elevator.

During this unusual time, we are all being encouraged to stay home and social distance as much as possible to slow and prevent the spread of the COVID-19 in our communities. Here are a few tips for staying healthy: enjoy healthy foods at home; maintain daily physical activity; stay hydrated; get enough sleep; and wash your hands. These are things that should be done in normal times. I hope that you and your family stay safe during this time.

Hopefully by the time you receive this paper, we'll be back to normal.



## AG Notes

Gordon Moir

The whole world is in a state of chaos because of the technology in all things that we have today. This virus has set everything on its ear because of the sentence above and without all the blah, blah, it all boils down to the basics; shelter, food and a way to get that food. The cave people and the like before started it all and so here we are now. Food comes from agriculture and the Grange was started because of food production issues before and after the Civil War.

I guess I have some things on my chest that bother me and I don't know how to express them. One thing is that our old Mother Earth throws things at us like these viruses to clean us up and wake us up to do better. I think she just does this as part of her orbit. Oh, I don't know. I just hope that this world of nations will get along better when this problem is over.

Oh, just this morning in my paper there is a story about carbonated drinks (Coca Cola) to name one is derived by making ethanol like for gasoline and a byproduct is the carbon dioxide that causes the fizz in soda pop. Who would have thought! Oh well, enough of that.

I wish to thank those of you who had heard of Karen's death and for the kind cards sent. Thank you!  
~Gordon

**DEAF AWARENESS:** Protect your hearing this summer. Your hearing is precious- -protect it!

Here are some simple practical ways you might consider using to safeguard your hearing: (1) Maintain good health - -many general physical problems also cause hearing problems; (2) Earaches or ear infections? Go directly to your doctor or an ear clinic and follow the doctor's advice; (3) Don't put anything smaller than your elbow in your ear. Only a doctor can remove wax or debris from your ear; (4) When you have a cold, check with your doctor. Flying with a cold may cause damage to your hearing; (5) Tell your doctor immediately if prescribed medication makes your ears ring; and (6) Ask that your hearing be tested as part of your regular yearly physical examination.

Tips for a hearing person to communicate with a person who has a hearing loss. Get their attention first. Face person directly. Avoid noisy backgrounds. Don't shout. Speak clearly. Don't hide your mouth, chew food or gum while talking. Remember that the most devastating thing to say to a hard-of-hearing person who may not have heard what was said is "never mind".

Until next time, stay healthy and protect your hearing. Have a great summer.

It's not too late to donate to the Deaf Fund. Please send donations to:

Lily Sorenson  
16942 N Werrington Ct.,  
Nampa 83687  
or to the ISG Office.

**Make checks payable to:** Idaho State Grange,  
Deaf Fund.

Thank you in advance!

# From the Court of Flora, Ceres and Pomona

Happy Summer Grangers:

The Graces hope everyone is well and staying safe during this unprecedented time. As we look forward to the coming summer months, we look to what our Second Degree says about Hope.

Second Degree:

Candidates: Cultivators and Shepherdesses

The Lesson: Hope

Symbols: Summer- Youth-Fruit Blossoms-The Plant

Emblems-Hoe and Pruning Knife

Scene-A farm in early summer

The First Degree taught the need for thorough preparation of the soil, the selection of good seed, and the lesson of faith.

The Second Degree is an instruction in planting and cultivating your crop, looking hopefully to the future and the harvesting of the crops. "Impressive are the teachings of Nature in the unfolding wonders of each successive season; full of instruction for the reflective mind and commanding increasing reverence for the great Master on High, that orders alike the heat and cold, and in whose hands are harvests of the earth. As you pass into summertime on your Grange journey lets not forget the teachings or ceaseless activities of earnest cultivation and of abiding hope."



## Strawberry Pineapple Salsa

### INGREDIENTS

2/3 cup Cherry tomatoes

1/3 cup Cilantro, Fresh

1/2 Jalapeno

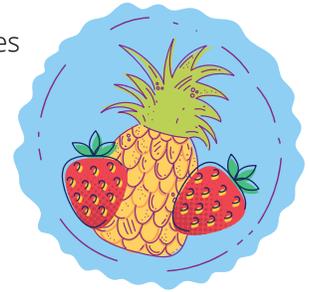
1 Pineapple

1/2 Red onion, Small

1 LB Strawberries

3 Tbsp Lime Juice

1/4 tsp Sea salt



### INSTRUCTIONS

Gather all of your strawberry salsa ingredients and kitchen tools.

Remove the stems and skin from the pineapple and discard. Chop the remaining pineapple into tidbit size chunks.

Remove the stems from the strawberries and chop. Chop the tomatoes. Finely dice the red onion and jalapeno (if using)

Roughly chop cilantro and juice lime if using a fresh one. Add all fruit salsa ingredients to a large bowl, sprinkle with sea salt and gently stir to combine.

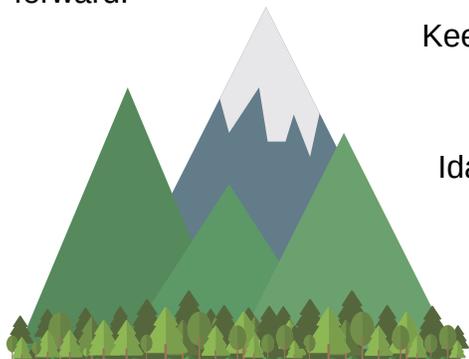
## Chaplain's Corner

*Florence Galland, Chaplain*

As I sit here thinking of what is going on outside and how we are having to stay in our homes to protect ourselves from getting sick, there are so many that don't believe what is happening. This corona virus is so deadly to a lot of us.

Spring is upon us and the sun is shining. It gives us all hope to keep our chins up and going forward.

Keep your courage up  
God is with us all,  
Florence Galland  
Idaho State Chaplain



## PSALM 46:1-3

God is our refuge and  
strength,  
a very present help in trouble.  
Therefore, will not we fear,  
though the earth be removed,  
and the mountains be carried  
into the midst of the sea;  
Though the waters thereof  
roar and be troubled,  
though the mountains shake  
with swelling thereof.

# COVID-19 COMMUNITY RESPONSE

How appropriate that this year's National Grange focus is Cultivating Connections. In the time of COVID-19 we are finding new ways to make connections. Those connections are needed more than ever as we are isolated in our homes and carefully making our way in to the community and trying to stay at a safe social distance.

Across the state Grangers are answering calls for masks, locations for feeding the hungry and donating to non-profits in need. Some are clearing out their hoards of fabric to donate for others to make masks. Throughout this issue Grangers provide the ways they are cultivating connections through good works.

When life returns to normal, we'll be able to cultivate connections in new ways and our neighbors who have been worried and concerned about their health and their loved ones health will begin to venture out.

Send in examples of how you and your Grange are providing safe human connection that many are in desperate need for.

## Community Service

*Bonnie Mitson*

Community Service reaches from the North to the South.

Answering the request from Kuna Jt. School District. I made 50 plus masks for the child nutrition staff and bus drivers.

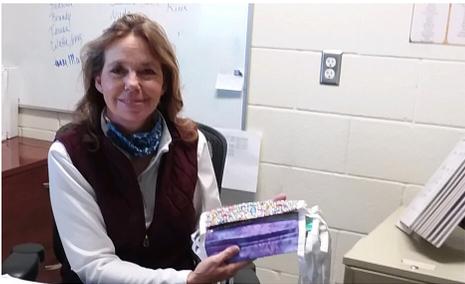
We want to thank these folks for feeding Idaho children during this Covid-19 crisis.

As your State Community Service Director, I ask you to reach out beyond your communities and allow others to see the Strength of Grange through your service.

Bonnie Mitson  
ISG C.S.



Masks for Kuna School District Food Service. Made by Bonnie Mitson of Bellgrove & Michelle Gumm of Kuna



Melanie Harper, Pleasant Ridge Grange. Masks for local Homedale Businesses and family and friends.



Amber Obert, Pleasant Ridge Grange masks for Eastgate Optical and family and friends.



Pleasant Ridge Grange in partnership with the Notus FFA created seed and learning packets to be distributed to students through the Notus Foodservice Program. Read more in Local Grange Updates.

# Reflections in Time

Grangers often find writings from their loved ones that have passed on. For some it is a reminder of a time long past, for others a learning opportunity about the history of the Granges. These remembering were handwritten by Freda Javaux no date was on the paper.

The Grangers now are so much older, we all raised our families in the Grange so it's time to do some reminiscing.

For instance, do you remember when Grangers were buying their Grange halls and we all had different ways to pay for them. Pleasant Ridge Grange was buying their hall from the church and the Grangers all went to the beet fields-they hoed and pulled weeds all summer to make the payment on the hall.

Then another way to pay for the halls was to serve farm sales. We served chili, hamburgers, hotdogs, and sandwiches according to facilities we had to serve in.

One time when sandwiches were called for the committee in charge said bring chicken, one member made up a lot of rabbit sandwiches and no one knew the difference until they were told. Wow! Mrs. Andrews had to admit they were very good.

Banquets for the various organizations at Christmas time was a popular thing to do and do you remember at Dairyman's Hall when Notus Grange served squash and called them sweet potatoes. Every year after that we were asked to serve sweet potatoes at their annual banquet. They were sweet potato squash; we had a good laugh.

At another time when we served the dairyman's banquet- they were always upstairs and all that food had to be carried up that long flight of stairs. It was generally the women who did the carrying up. Men came in the evening to help serve. My feet hurt, so I kicked off my shoes and finished the evening in my stocking feet and I got my slippers I found them stuffed full of pickles-ugh! I will always believe LeRoy Tilton was the culprit. The Grangers always had fun working together.

Oh! Do you remember when June Thomas, a church chair asked the Granges to bake a Valentine cake in the shape of a heart. Nampa Valley sure had a variety of hearts! Then another time Nampa Valley Grange had a necktie tying contest. Poor men, no wonder they don't like to wear ties to Grange anymore.

Yes, we remember lot of good times when we were raising our families and bringing the little ones to Grange of course they got sleepy and empty chairs became beds for the babies.

Do you remember the years it was hard to get any one for Lady Assistant Steward because every year the one elected got pregnant. Guess that is why there were always babies at the Grange meetings and Notus finally bought a cradle.

Oh yes; do you remember when Ann was Lecturer and she would get the end of her program Carl - her brother would always say; "that's enough Ann you've talked long enough.

Oh yes; do you remember the contests we had between Notus and Pleasant Ridge Grange raising garden produce. Olen nearly always got the trophy, He raised a huge pumpkin one year- I'd liked to have stopped him because I thought I had the big one and it looked like a midget beside his. It was all in fun and we had some wonderful exhibits.

I am sure you all can remember things which happened!



Pleasant Ridge Grangers- Stanley Bates, Carol Bates, Ben Huebert and Cleo Huebert hoeing sugar beets . The money from the sugar beets was used to pay for their Grange Hall. (1956)



## Quiz Time

1. What was the Graces titles in the 1874 Manual?
2. Where is National Grange in November 2020?
3. What are the Emblems of the Second Degree?
4. How long is the Charter draped in memory of a deceased member?

Look for the answers on Page 9

# Bloom Where You Are Planted

GARDEN GURUS

## Guest Authors

KEN & LINDA THRUSTON

I saw this on Live with Kelly and Ryan. It is called scrap gardening. This is one tip to stretch your produce dollars, but is time consuming. Still, a penny saved is a penny earned.

Cut off the head of your lettuce, leaving about an inch of old leaves above the root. If the base is rusty red, slice off a very thin layer to expose new tissue. Place the root piece in a shallow bowl of water. After a few days, new growth will appear on top, and roots will form at the base. At this point, it can be planted either in a pot or directly into your garden. This trick also works for celery. In my area, celery is an annual. In warmer regions it might well be a perennial.

I know it sounds crazy to newbies with gardening, but when we were young, we did a version of this in our own garden. Cos (Romaine type) lettuce and other leafy greens can be harvested by hand with a pair of scissors, leaving the root and some leaves intact. For the brave, with little else to do, try it. This might work as well with spinach or Swiss chard.

For amateur potato farmers, try cutting off the eyes of sprouting potatoes with a knife. Let the thick skins dry for a couple of days, and plant the "eyes" into your garden. If you like spring onions, and who doesn't, cut away the roots and put them into a glass of water until new roots form. These can be planted successfully. Carrots and other root crops don't do as well with this method, but might grow tops, which can be used in salads and soups. We hope you enjoy these old school Grange ideas.



Have an idea for Garden Gurus?  
Email it to [obert.amber@gmail.com](mailto:obert.amber@gmail.com)

## IDAHO STUDENTS WIN GIA SCHOLARSHIPS



The Grange Insurance Association is pleased to announce that Brooklyn Riemer of Creencreek was awarded the Paul & Ethel Holter Memorial Scholarship, compliments of the Estate of Mrs. Ethel Holter in the amount of \$1,000.

Tyler Nguyen of Nampa was awarded a vocational scholarship, and Sydney Rylaarsdam-Schoo of Grangeville was awarded a scholarship.

Each year Grange Insurance Association awards scholarships to deserving applicants. The applicant or their parents must be policyholders of Grange Insurance Association. Among the 49 applications received, 27 scholarships were awarded this year.

The quality of applicants was exceptionally high again this year and the Company is extremely pleased with the caliber of students who applied for our scholarships. It is always a difficult process to make the selections when all the applicants are so highly qualified. An announcement will be made in the late fall regarding the program for the following year, and we encourage you to check our website [www.grange.com](http://www.grange.com)

Grange Insurance Association has made scholarships available since 1965. They may be used at any accredited school or college and are offered throughout GIA's operating territory, which includes the states of California, Colorado, Idaho, Oregon, Wyoming, and Washington. The Home Office of Grange Insurance Association is in Seattle, WA.

## 2020 NATIONAL GRANGE CONVENTION

The National Grange Executive Committee is very sorry to announce that the 2020 National Grange Convention will have many changes because of the Covid-19 pandemic and therefore will be open for National delegates and officers only. No visitors or Grangers will be invited to attend in person this year.

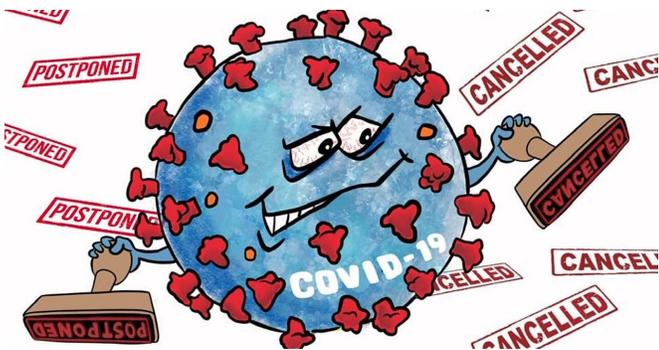
The convention will be cut to two days and the only business will be voting on resolutions and electing two executive committee officers. Extra activities, such as the Evening of Excellence, Youth and Junior Public Speaking and Sign a Song, will take place virtually. The Seventh Degree will not be exemplified this year.

Other recognitions such as Community Service awards, Distinguished Grange, Grange Legacy Family, and the Quilt Block Contest, will be held and awards given, but there will be no ceremony. National Grange Department Directors will be sending out information regarding their programs and how they will be handled this year, so stay tuned!

The Valley Forge Casino Resort, site of the convention, has been closed since March 14 to this date (June 6). We don't know when it will be permitted to open, because the counties around Philadelphia are a hot spot for the virus. The hotel is willing to allow us to downsize our convention to two days, 80 people, hopefully without penalty, so we are exercising that option at this time.

Also we do not want to endanger any of our members by asking them to travel and to spend days in a large crowd. The health and safety of our Grange family comes first. We feel it may not be safe to gather, even by November. Many of your State Sessions will see major changes this year also. We hope you will understand this decision, and keep on working at the local level as much as you can to help your communities.

Fraternally,  
Betsy E. Huber  
National Master



### Cancelled

- Western Regional Leadership Conference has been cancelled for August 2020 and moved to August 2021 in Boise.
- Washington State Grange Convention has been delayed until October.
- Oregon State Grange is being postponed



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

### Not Cancelled

- Making crafts
- Snapping photos outside.
- Walking
- Waving at your neighbors
- Reading stories to children via videoconferencing.
- Calling a friend you haven't spoken with in awhile.
- Voting by mail
- Kindness to others

	<b>Quiz Answers</b>
	1. Pomona, Flora and Stewardness
	2. Valley Forge, Pennsylvania
	3. Hoe and Pruning Knife
	4. 30 Days

# WELCOME TO THE GRANGE!

Wendy Coome - Nampa Valley #131  
Mary McClanahan - Upper Big Wood River #192  
Cathie Royston - Upper Big Wood River #192

Sara Busdon - Upper Big Wood River #192  
Margie Dillon - Rathdrum #351  
Richard Mewes - Rathdrum #351  
David & Leslie Guinee - Edgemere #355  
David & Paula Wilson - Edgemere #355  
Dave & Debbie Hogan - Harrison #422  
David & Jessica McDermeit - Blanchard #440  
Lily, Bidion & Caleb McDermeit - Blanchard #440  
Sandy Sammons - Blanchard #440

## WHAT'S Going on?

UPDATES FROM YOUR  
LOCAL GRANGES

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, making Quilts for QOV and providing community service. From making masks to providing space or money for food banks. Our Grangers are providing hope and happiness in the community.

### Blanchard Grange #440

James Conrad

This year we have been donating money and food for children in our area that sometimes don't have food on the weekends. The Weekend Food for Kids program is directed by the Priest River High School, through the local Food Bank. They have a special account and use it for outstanding deals on nutritious foods. This is a very good way for a Non-profit organization to help the community.

Hats off to all the helpful Granges around the country.

### Portneuf Grange #255

Lenore Petersen

In the photos below. Mimi Jones presents Doug Petersen, U.S. Army Veteran with a Quilt of Valor.



## SAVE THE DATE



Idaho State Grange Conference

October 15 - 17 2020

Coeur D'Alene, Idaho

**Due to COVID-19, updates will be coming in July from the Executive Committee.**

## Upper Big Wood River Grange #192

Manon Gaudreau

As our gardening classes were cancelled and our seed library, which was housed at the Hailey Public Library, got locked up, our offerings shifted to the internet.

We gave 3 gardening classes online on ZOOM: Soil Microbiome, Growing Tomatoes and Season Extenders for the Garden. Moreover, we offered weekly Gardening Q&A session live, on Fridays. The gardening classes were originally planned to be given at the Hailey Public Library. We collaborated with HPL as they asked us to be their first online classes on ZOOM, and helped them to get familiar with this platform which they had never used.

We implemented a no-contact system to allow gardeners to get free seeds from our seed library. Gardeners had access to our inventory online, sent us emails with the seed requests, and pickup their seeds from the front porch of the seed librarian. It was a time consuming task to bring all the seeds home, and prepare the seed orders, rather than providing a self service system. Many people were recently drawn to start a garden. Many reported that access to commercial seeds was limited. So our seed distribution service was very appreciated, as well as the gardening coaching and teachings.

We also transformed our Earth Day Seed and Plant Exchange, on April 25, to an online experience. We had a ZOOM meeting where participants talked about what they had to share with each other. Recipients of the plants and seeds then picked them up from the yard of the person offering them.

Another volunteer service offered online to the community was a free series of Qigong practice sessions, 3 times a week for 5 weeks. The sessions were recorded and uploaded to a YouTube channel, along with a selection of other Qigong resources. The Channel is called Ageless Motion and can be accessed at <https://tinyurl.com/agelessmotion> or by a search on "YouTube Ageless Motion". Participants reported that the Qigong practices were calming and transformative. The live sessions also allowed some online social connections among participants, breaking our feeling of isolation. A great help in this stressful time of crisis.



**MORE THOUGHTS FROM THE  
WORTHY MASTER**

*Strength*

"You gain strength, courage and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You must do the thing you think you cannot do."

**ELEANOR ROOSEVELT**

## Pleasant Ridge Grange # 135

Eileen Javaux



Pleasant Ridge Grange ordered seed from Winona Grange in Tualatin, Oregon with the intent to provide seeds for community gardens and other groups that offer fresh produce for needy families.

Due to Covid-19 and the dangers of having people congregate, we decided to distribute the seeds to families in need. We partnered with the Notus FFA and created bags with coloring pages and seeds to distribute to students of the Notus School District.

Grange member and employee of Idaho Preferred, Megan Harper, put seed-packets and recipe cards in bags, the Notus FFA members put in coloring sheets and a pencil. These packets provide an extra active learning opportunity for students who are learning at home as well as fresh produce for growing minds.

## Mica Flats Grange #436

Martha Cook

Mica Flats Grange cancelled its meetings and social events from March 25 through the end of May, as per the governor's "stay at home" order. Since Idaho is permitted, on May 30, to move to Stage 3 of the "re-opening", we are once more allowed to meet in groups of 50 or less. We look forward to our June 4 business meeting in our hall, with social distancing. Hope to see many members there. We will send out an e-blast about upcoming social events, such as our July 17 picnic.

Kootenai County Pomona Grange cancelled its May 9th meeting which was to be hosted by Harrison Grange. Stay tuned for a new meeting date.

Kootenai County Pomona Grange will be hosting the Idaho State Grange session in mid-October, 2020.

North Idaho Fair is coming up in August - don't forget to sign up for your favorite shift at the Mica Food Booth!

## Rathrum Grange #351

Ken Thruston

"We have exactly ten members, so we are just right." So said our Worthy Master in a phone call to a concerned family member during the first of the travel restrictions over the COVID-19 outbreak.

We cancelled our upcoming Craft Fair and scholarship fundraising campaign until later this summer, agreeing to measure safety against losing our First Amendment rights for "free assembly"--for the better good.

Rather than whine and complain, this might be a good time to consider what to do with all our sudden gift of free time. Are there letters that need writing? Family members and friends who have been neglected? Home centered projects that need our attention? Family history or genealogy that we might wish to pursue? How about that list of good books that you have been meaning to read? We don't even need to get creative to fill our time with worthwhile things.

We don't know how much Grange building we can do from our homes, but letters, Internet sharing of the National Grange website, or other helpful mentions of our work may go a long way, both to build our organization and to help solidify our families and communities.

There is much to do, and we suddenly have some time to accomplish these things.

Please be patient. All this will surely pass.

Ken Thruston

## Kuna Grange # 59

Mary Johnson

As with the other Granges Kuna is not meeting and has not been holding their traditional game nights. In order to support the community in a time of need, Kuna Grange donated money to the Idaho Food Bank and Michele Gumm made 30 to 40 masks for the Kuna School Food Service workers.



# Well Done, Good and Faithful Servants

## IN MEMORIAM

Florence Chaney  
Kuna #59  
70 Year Member

Thomas Maitland  
Medicine Mountain #84

Lavona Weaver  
Nampa Valley #131  
30 Year Member

Rosie Peck  
Nampa Valley #131  
62 Year Member

Marge Deming  
Portneuf #229

Karen Moir  
York #253  
63 Year Member

Leilani Hasbrouck  
Alpha #368  
67 Year Member



Florence Gibson-Chaney



First lady of the Grange and 70 year member Florence Gibson-Chaney passed away at her farm on April 30, 2020. Florence lived her life here in the Treasure Valley. She was born in Nampa on May 18th, 1928, the eldest of seven children. Florence graduated from Kuna High School in 1946. She married Kenneth A Gibson on September 17th, 1949, and moved to their Kuna dairy farm on April 1st, 1950.

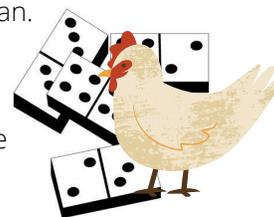
Florence spent her heart and time raising four children. She volunteered in classrooms served as Secretary, Vice President, and President of the Kuna School District Parent-Teacher Association. She attended Kuna United Methodist Church. Florence joined the Kuna Grange in May 1950 and held several positions throughout almost 70 years. Several years after Kenny passed Florence met Dallas Chaney at Grange, they married in 2002.

Florence was a 4-H Leader for seven years with the Southside Nimble Fingers 4-H Club of Meridian. Her volunteer time with many youth, now grown, will impact generations to come.

As her own family grew up and moved out of the home, Florence reentered the professional workforce in the early 1970s. For the next 35 years, Florence worked for the Kuna School District, United Dairymen of Idaho, Meridian's Valley Shepherd Church of the Nazarene, and 16 years for the Idaho State Grange office before retiring in 2006.

A Celebration Of Life Service will be postponed until social distancing has been lifted.

Florence will be missed at Kuna Grange game nights playing Chickenfoot.



### Lavona Weaver



Former First Lady of the Grange, Lavona Weaver, passed away Thursday, April 30, 2020, with loved ones at her side. Born on October 13, 1929, in Boise, Idaho. She lived much of her life on the family farm near Perkins Corner, attending Boise schools and graduating from Boise High School. She attended Boise Jr College and graduated with a degree in Home Economics. Lavona married Arley Weaver on November 29, 1953. They lived in Indiana, where Arley was stationed, later moving back to Boise, where she worked for several years until Janet and Bruce were born. She was active in the First Baptist Church, singing in the choir, teaching vacation Bible School and Sunday school.

Lavona went back to work and spent several years working for the Idaho National Guard Credit Union until she retired in 1988.

She and Arley moved to Round Valley, Idaho, where they were active in the Alpha Grange and the Baptist Church. Lavona and Arley were also active in the Idaho State Grange, where both held several state offices and attended national conferences. Lavona was a 30 Year plus member.

Lavona had a can-do spirit and would take on most challenges. She could fix almost anything and took on many projects to keep herself busy. She loved sewing, cooking, quilting, knitting, and gardening. Lavona was a life-long learner and teacher. She was especially proud of her granddaughters and enjoyed keeping track of their accomplishments and attending their school, FFA, and 4-H activities. She lived a serving and purposeful life. A memorial service will be held later this summer to celebrate her life.

The family has requested any donations received in her memory to be made to the Idaho State Grange Scholarship fund.



# Well Done, Good and Faithful Servants

## IN MEMORIAM

### Karen Moir



Karen Moir, 85, passed from this earth on March 25, 2020. Karen was born in Idaho Falls. She was raised on a farm in the Jameston area, where she picked spuds and learned to drive a tractor. Karen Graduated from Blackfoot high school then went on to ISU.

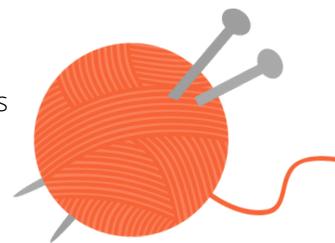
She married Gordon Moir in 1955. Karen and Gordon worked side by side on the farm. She operated the tractors and the baler but had the good sense to instill in her daughters not to do the same.

Karen played piano for both her children's programs and the Grange for many years. She was an avid needleworker, knitter, and cross-stitcher, entering many pieces into the Eastern Idaho State Fair.

Karen was a woman of principle and knew how to make a decision and respected others that could do the same.

Karen was a 63 year member of the Grange and served as Women's Activities Director in the mid-1990s with Irene Lee and Birdie Daryple.

A memorial service will occur at a later date.



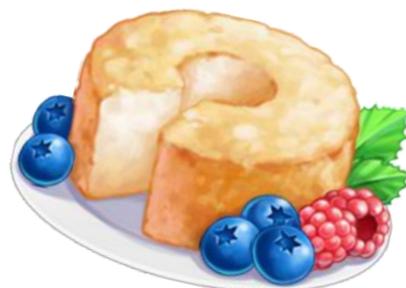
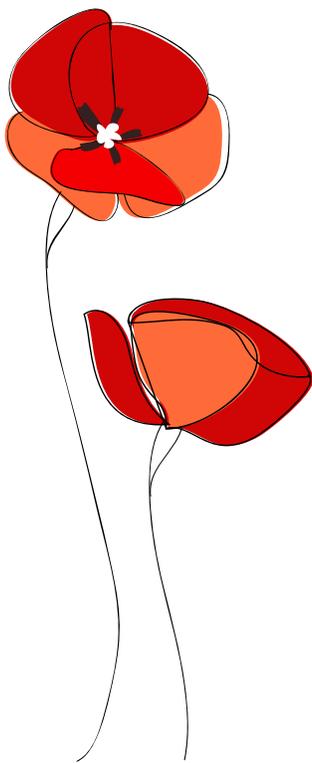
### Rosie Peck



Rosie Irene Martin Peck was born on August 18, 1930, in Paul, Idaho. She graduated in 1948 from Paul High School and attended the Nampa Business College from 1948-1949. While at a dance in Melba, Idaho, located at the former IOOF Hall, now the Melba Historical museum, she met a tall farmer by the name of Donald W Peck. They married on September 23, 1949, in Rupert, Idaho. She and Donald resided in the Glendale area before purchasing the Kempthorne farm near Melba in 1957. In 1964 she was asked to join the Melba Post Office, she retired in 1995 as Postmaster of the Melba Post Office.

Rosie was involved for over 68 years in the American Legion Auxiliary, holding all offices. Her favorite activities were Girls' State and assisting the Veterans at the Boise Veterans home, making poppies.

Rosie was also active for over 60 years in the Walters Butte and Nampa Valley Granges, holding local and state offices including State Chaplain for many years. Another favorite activity with the Grange was helping to make noodles, as a group, for the Melba Community Auction. Rosie led many Rose Drills and other drill teams for the Grange, always making sure all of the girls were dressed nicely and performed prettily. Rosie was very active with Melba's "Old Tyme" 4th of July celebrations and was eventually awarded Citizen of the Year, Grand Marshall, and Spirit of Melba Awards. Rosie was supportive of her children in Boy Scouts, 4-H, FFA, and sports. One of the kid's fondest memories was when she made each of them a homemade angel food cake for their birthdays, even mailing one as far as Arizona. Her family will also miss her snickerdoodle cookies!



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## Grange Calendar

- Mica Flats Grange: June 4, 7 p.m. business meeting
- Pleasant Ridge Grange: June 15, 7 p.m. Quilt of Valor
- Mica Flats Grange: June 19, social meeting TBA
- Treasure Valley Pomona Grange: June 27, Noon at Nampa Valley
- ISG Executive Meeting: June 26. ZOOM - 10 AM MST
- Mica Flats Grange: July 2, 7 p.m. business meeting
- Pleasant Ridge Grange: July 6, at 6 p.m. Potluck and Meeting
- Mica Flats Grange: July 17, summer picnic, potluck
- Pleasant Ridge Grange: August 3: 6 pm, Potluck and Meeting
- Mica Flats Grange: August 6, 7 p.m. business meeting
- Western Idaho Fair: August 14- 23
- Mica Flats Grange: August 25-30, North Idaho State Fair

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