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JUNE

5th Pleasant Ridge regular business meeting at 6:00PM



17th Treasure Valley Pomona will travel to Swan Falls for a picnic and to tour the area. We will leave Kuna Grange Hall at 10:30AM

JULY

7th Nampa Valley Grange – NO MEETING

15th Treasure Valley Pomona regular meeting at Alpha Grange Hall in Cascade

21st Nampa Valley Grange lunch at 12:00 Noon. Meeting will follow with a program on Patriotism

29th Treasure Valley Pomona Planning Meeting at Nampa Valley Grange Hall.

AUGUST

4th Nampa Valley Grange lunch at 12:00 Noon

7th Nampa Valley Grange regular business meeting at 6:30PM

19th Nampa Valley Grange – NO MEETING
Treasure Valley Pomona will do our booth at the Fair
Nampa Valley will help with the Fair Booths

SEPTEMBER

1st Nampa Valley Grange – NO MEETING

15th Nampa Valley Grange lunch at 12:00 Noon. Meeting will follow with a program on Grandparent's Day

MASTER'S ADDRESS

Harold Eshelman

Has spring really arrived? Not sure yet, it kind a makes you wonder, because it seems to snow every few days here in Boise and when it isn't snowing it is raining. The folks living on the flood plain along the Boise River have been doing STOP RAIN DANCES for quite a few weeks now and the forecast doesn't seem to be getting better. Those ½ million dollar homes with a river front view are about to become part of the river.

We traveled to North Idaho the week of March 13th and visited the members of 3 Granges, but mainly

to see Freeman Lake Grange that we now have for sale. It is in very good condition considering it was built back in the early 19th century and has been taken care of by Grange members for many years. This building would make a great hunting/fishing lodge or a neat summer home on 1 acre of property, full basement with a total square footage of about 2600 feet only a short distance from a paved road. A time capsule (placed by the students going to school there sometime in the 30's) will be dug up on Friday, May 5th at 1:00PM. The news media will be there along with some Historical people. For more information contact our office.

On Sunday March 19th Jacquie and I flew to Seattle to attend the GIA annual meeting on March 20th and returned the same day. We met a lot of great people as is the membership of the Grange. We met with several Grange Masters/Presidents while at that

meeting. We discussed the upcoming National Convention in Spokane and decided on the Delegate Bag that we are having made for that convention. One of the Idaho Subordinate Granges has voted to pay \$1,000 toward the cost of these bags. Later that week we traveled to Eastern Idaho to visit Grangers from 4 Granges. We were unable to visit one that met the same time as another, but the next trip east we will definitely see members of that Grange.

I have been spending the last few weeks cleaning out the rental office next door so the carpet can be cleaned and get it ready to rent. We have been selling desks, chairs and lots of other items just to get rid of stuff. I will be hauling file cabinets, shelving and other items to Northern Idaho tomorrow (Sunday April 30th), visiting as many as 11 Granges and returning on Saturday May 6th. Paul Fusselman will be traveling with me, because Jacquie has meetings she has to attend with the American Legion Auxiliary.

Since our last newsletter, we have had to deal with a roof that leaks and is now scheduled to be fixed when the weather conditions improve. This is going to cost nearly \$20,000; therefore, my travel as well as others is going to be restricted to within the State. We are running out of money.

I drove to Hagerman Valley Grange on Saturday April 22nd to visit with their members, because they are considering closing. The visit was very good and they are still considering their thinking on it.

April was Grange Month and I hope each Grange did something special for your members and your community.

This would be a great opportunity to attend National Grange, because it will be in Spokane this coming November. Idaho is to take care of the Hospitality room on Thursday of that week. Make plans now to attend the week of November 15, 16, 17 if possible with us hosting on the 16th. The National Grange is the backbone of our organization which depicts what we stand for and what we believe in. Nothing should be more important than the farm families where the nation's food comes from. Yes, much is imported, but we as Grangers should support the American Farmer as much as possible BUY AMERICAN.

With time passing as rapidly as it tends to do, deadlines are fast approaching. I would hope some, or part of you, are working on Resolutions. There are always some that turn in resolutions at the very last minute and that is okay, but don't procrastinate too long because it may not make it at all.

MOTEL & MEAL INFORMATION FOR 2017 IDAHO STATE GRANGE SESSION TO BE HELD October 11 thru 13 - 2017

HOTEL: Best Western Plus
506 W Appleway
Coeur d'Alene ID 83814
800-251-7829

ROOM CHARGE:

\$99/night + 8.4% tax and 5% surcharge

REGISTRATION FEE: \$15 total or \$5 per day as always

MEALS: Welcome Banquet – Wednesday \$26.00
AG Luncheon - Thursday \$26.00
FAC Luncheon - Friday \$26.00

STATE CHAPLAIN

Pat Glassinger

Hi everybody!

June makes us think summertime thoughts. We think of BBQ's in the back yard, family get-togethers and a special day known as "Father's Day dedicated to each of our fathers as well as our Heavenly Father.

Many times, the question comes up; What does a father do?

As far as I could observe, they brought around the car when it rained so everyone else could stay dry. They always took the family pictures which is why they were never in them. They carved turkeys on Thanksgiving or Christmas, kept the car gassed up, weren't afraid to go into the basement, mowed the lawn and tightened the clothes line to keep it from sagging.

So, what was it that he did to achieve his children's respect?

He threw them higher than his head until they were weak from laughter. He cast the deciding vote on the puppy debate. He listened more than he talked. He let them make mistakes. He allowed them to fall from their first two-wheeler. He read a newspaper while they were trying to parallel park a car for the first time in preparation for their driving test.

He shows up for the job both in good times and in bad. He's a man who is constantly being observed by his children. They learn from him how to handle adversity, anger, disappointment and success.

He won't laugh at their dreams no matter how impossible they may seem. He will dig out at 1:00AM when one of his children runs out of gas. He will make unpopular decisions and stand by them. When he is wrong and makes a mistake, he will admit it. He sets the tone for how family members treat one another, members of the opposite sex and people who are different than they are. By example, he can instill a desire to give something back to the community when its needs are greater than theirs. Happy Father's Day!

In July, we celebrate "Independence Day". The Grange is a patriotic organization. One of the few that believes in respecting the flag and singing the "National Anthem" or reciting the "Pledge of Allegiance" at the opening of each meeting.

The flag is a symbol – a way to show the world what we stand for. It also shows that we are connected to one another -- that we are on the same team. So we treat it with respect.

Yes, the flag should mean something special to each one of us as we see it coming down the street leading a parade. Some get a chill or you may see tears in their eyes. That flag means something very special to them. Maybe the next time you attend a baseball game or football game, you will be proud to stand tall with your hand over your heart (as the flag stands tall and waves with the wind) and join in singing the "Star Spangled Banner". Stand up and be proud!

Soon it will be August and school will be starting. The little ones are so excited to go to school for the first time. The older ones are looking forward to

seeing their friends from last year and meeting new ones this year. The Seniors are looking forward to Graduation so they can count the days. You may know of an older student just beginning college this year and maybe one even graduating and receiving that well deserved degree. Congratulations to each of them. Please be careful in those school zones and remember to slow down. Sometimes their minds are on things other than crossing the street. These are our future Grangers. We want to protect them.

A SPECIAL THOUGHT:

A child once asked his father to draw a picture of a stepladder for him. The father did as he was asked. Then his son said, "No, Dad, you left out something." The father looked again at the double upside-down V he had drawn on the page and the lines he had drawn as the ladder's steps. "What did I leave out?" he asked. The little boy replied, "The part where you put the paint can".

The little boy may have been more interested in the paint can than in a properly engineered ladder, but what the father later realized was that the cross piece that extends to provide a resting place for paint cans is the one part of a stepladder that is truly indispensable! Without it, the inverted V shape of a ladder would collapse. The cross piece is what makes a stepladder useful by allowing it to support weight.

When a Grange is comprised of members going through the motions, and not being "doers"; that Grange could quickly collapse. If the officers are the cross piece that holds the Grange in a sturdy triangle, that Grange, working together and encouraging others to join them, can withstand the pressures that arise and continue to succeed. Remember to make room for the "Paint Can."

Have a great summer and remember to take God with you wherever you go. Until next time...

FAMILY HEALTH & DEAF AWARENESS

– Lily Sorenson

FAMILY HEALTH: This and That: Grin and bear it --- new research suggests that smiling during stressful situations may help you bear up under life's stresses. Researchers classified two groups of smiles; a standard

smile involving only the mouth shaping the smile, and a Duchenne, or genuine, smile where both mouth and eye muscles are involved. Researchers also had participants create a forced smile by holding a chopstick between their teeth. They found that those instructed to smile during stressful tests had lower recovery heart rates than those who weren't; especially those with genuine smiles. Even those with a forced smile fared better than those who held a neutral expression.

Munch on raisins for a healthy snack --- one of the oldest foods in human history, raisins are a great way to keep your energy levels steady. They are a top energy source. They sustain blood sugar levels longer than other energy foods, but don't have the letdown that's often associated with other foods. If you want to control your blood pressure, raisins are one of the best snacks for you. They're a good source of potassium, a mineral that has been shown to lower high blood pressure. Another benefit is that they don't spoil. You can put a box or two in a drawer and enjoy a healthy snack anytime.

Protect your skin in the sun --- the best way to lower your risk of skin cancer is to avoid being outdoors in intense sunlight too long and to practice sun safety precautions when you're outdoors. Here are a few tips: cover up -- wear a shirt with long sleeves and a hat with a wide brim; look for shade, especially in the middle of the day when the sun's rays are strongest; use sunscreen; wear sunglasses; and remember to protect children.

DEAF AWARENESS: Here are a few easy tips for protecting your hearing: 1. Walk away and plug your ears. If a loud noise takes you by surprise, quickly plug your ears with your fingers and walk away; 2. Use earplugs when you know you'll be around loud sounds; 3. Leave the fireworks to the professionals. Be smart when you celebrate, and when watching the show, stay a safe distance away; 4. Limit your time in noisy environments; and 5. Turn it down.

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Ken & Linda Thruston

Brothers and Sisters: It's time to revisit a parable we wrote many years ago. The incident really happened in another state, but could apply to any of us across the land.

A certain well known insurance company needed a tax write off against obscene profits from the insurance business. They bought out hundreds of acres of walnut orchards, supposing that all the money they invested here would never be recovered. They would make a killing come tax time.

They cut out all the dead trees, and heavily pruned the damaged or diseased ones, fertilized them like never before, and installed a solid set (underground) watering system, the most efficient and certainly the most expensive kind. They spend themselves into a coma, too much on labor, too much on equipment, and far too much for the property originally. Oh, how they wrung their hands together in anticipation.

The rains came, the winter ended, and spring happened in its due course. Tassels formed, walnuts set, and in time, workers went into the orchards to harvest. Imagine their surprise when the trees produced abundantly. They enjoyed (perhaps that is not the right word) a bumper crop. They made a killing.

What they failed to note when they did their homework on this property, was that the soil, and alluvial plain, was over 100 feet deep.

Brothers and Sisters, the story really happened, the insurance company is still around and doing well, though as you can imagine, they no longer own as many walnut trees.

The application is obvious. The alluvial plain is us! The Grange movement is well over 100 years old, and as rich in history, purpose, family and American values, as any organization on earth. We are worth the time and effort as the old orchards in the story.

We can reap an amazing harvest, and enjoy prosperity, even in these times of doubt and despair. We don't throw people away, like overly ambitious pruners, but we can make adjustments to our schedules, our programs, our mission statements, and our focus.

May the God of Harvest bless us yet with the things we need to bring about full harvests in our Granges.

THE GRANGE COOKING CORNER

Please Share Your Favorite Recipes

Cherry Marble Cake

Submitted by Lily Sorenson, Nampa Valley Grange #131

1 package (18 – ¼ oz.) Yellow Cake Mix
¼ cup vegetable oil
3 eggs
½ cup water
1 can (21 oz.) Cherry Pie Filling



In a greased 13 inch x 9 inch x 2 inch baking pan, combine cake mix and oil. Combine eggs and water; stir into cake mix until blended. Drop tablespoonfuls of pie filling on to batter; cut through batter with a

knife to swirl.

Bake at 350 degrees for 30-35 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean (top will have an uneven appearance). Cool on a wire rack. YIELD: 16-20 servings.

NOTE: Choose any fruit pie filling, such as blueberry, peach or apple. Sprinkle a little cinnamon on top.

YOUTH DIRECTOR

Clyde Mooney

Looking for Idaho Youth Ambassador!

Coming up this year National Grange session will be in Spokane, WA, and thus very close! If you have youth who have never had a chance to make it to a National session, this is the time! We are looking for an Idaho Youth Ambassador to represent Idaho at the National session! (Call me at 208-699-7051 for info).

Coming up this summer is the Western Regional Conference in California at the Knott's Berry Farm. Knott's Berry Farm is minutes to Disneyland, a short distance to Southern California Beaches like Huntington, Venice and the famous Santa Monica Pier and Hollywood. Some of the schedule is below, but this

event is meant to be available as a family vacation with these nearby attractions. This Youth Conference is a great opportunity to meet young people from across the western states as well as those from across the nation some of whom will be attending National Conference in November.

**Friday, August 4th –
Sunday, August 6th, 2017**

Accommodations: @ Hotel Thurs. – Fri. \$139 + pp
– Sat. @ \$149. + pp
Discounted Rates for Sunday and Monday \$129 + pp
Meals at the Hotel (Sat. Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner,
Sunday Breakfast)

Grange specific activities
Discounted Park rates at Knott's
Free Parking to registered guests
Contact Calif. State Grange to register - may still be
openings after June 1st.

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FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Eileen Javaux, CFA

It's been a busy year but we are about to start our summer break. I already have lots planned and plan to have our bags for the raffle made and sent to everyone by July. I don't have any new information, but the following article is something we all need to do to keep our Granges alive and active.

Here are 10 essential characteristics of a good leader:

1. Honesty

A good leader will be able to establish an honest connection with his or her peers. A relationship based on trust and reliability makes the team know that their leader is always there for them which in turn inspires them to be there for their leader.

2. Ability to Delegate

Each person in a group will be able to bring something different to the table, and a good leader will work with each member's strengths and weaknesses in order to make sure that the best is being done.

3. Ability to Communicate

By clearly describing his or her idea to their team, the leader will be able to create a sense of ease and understanding with his peers. When every member of the team is striving towards a common goal, then there is nothing that cannot be accomplished.

4. Sense of Humor

Negative situations will always arise, but a good business leader will know how to diffuse them and help give his team peace of mind. A stress-free work environment often garners the most results, and sometimes all that is necessary to help push your team forward is a healthy dose of humor in the face of difficulty.

5. Confidence

A good leader will show confidence in the face of challenges, and will inspire confidence in his team by reminding them that obstacles are just there to be overcome. The confident leader will keep his eye on the goal and will not allow anything deter him or her, or their team, from success.

6. Commitment

Some leaders may drive their teams to work hard, while others will constantly be at their sides, giving every task their one hundred percent. The latter is the type of leader that can expect to achieve more. Teams work better when they see that the one that they answer to is right by their side, sharing their struggles and triumphs.

7. Positive Attitude

Motivation is the key to success, and it can be hard to stay motivated in a negative environment. By keeping your team's spirits up, you will be able to motivate them to achieve more, and not let them be bothered by minor setbacks.

8. Creativity

Sometimes a difficult situation will arise that

will require you to think outside the box and help your team do the same. At such crucial movements, a good leader will be able to demonstrate a unique type of creativity that can help his team push through any situation.

9. Ability to Inspire

Inspiration can take many forms, but a capable leader will be able to demonstrate his ability to lead and inspire by motivating his team to share his vision.

10. Intuition

Finally, a good leader will have intuition. Sometimes obstacles will arise that nobody will know how to handle, perhaps even you. In such situations, it is important to be confident and make a decision. No matter what the decision is, if you show that you are giving the problem everything you have got, it will inspire your team to do the same, which can often be just all that is needed to help get past the situation to begin with.

<https://www.workitdaily.com/good-leader-characteristics/>

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Martha Cook

"Community service" is US! It is what we do as Grange groups and what we do as individual Grange members. Whether it is offering our hall at no cost for county elections, emergency community meetings, or our members as individuals shoveling snow for others, driving people to errands, airports, medical appointments, supporting Scout groups or 4-H clubs, all the things that we do to help our community thrive are considered "COMMUNITY SERVICE", as long as we are not being compensated in any way.

PLEASE keep track on a monthly basis of the service you or your Grange offers and be ready to fill out a simple report form for me about mid-August. When you read this article/letter, you will have your report form on hand, as well as forms for reporting if your Grange has honored a Teacher, Policeman, Fireman, EMT of the year. (Forms are on the ISG website, also).

Do consider honoring a non-Granger for doing something noteworthy for the community or town that you are in. That form is also in your packet.

Some of the funds that we pay to State and National Grange with our annual dues can come back to our Granges if we show CS reports from at least 25% of our Granges. I would like to help make that happen.

Please call me (765-8230 afternoons) for more information. THANK YOU!

ADA – CANYON COUNTIES

Treasure Valley Pomona #1

We held a regular business meeting on February 18th at Kuna Grange Hall. On February 25th, we attended a Pomona planning meeting at the home of Lida Little and on February 26th, we attended a card party at Pleasant Ridge Grange Hall.

On March 6th, we hosted a Legislative Dinner that was well attended by Legislators and FFA representatives. On March 18th, we held a regular meeting at Nampa Grange Hall and welcomed a new member, Candie Elkington. We also enjoyed our annual Taste of Home dinner.

On April 1st, we traveled to Ontario, Oregon to the annual Hand's Across the Border meeting which was, as always, enjoyable. Then on April 8th, we attended a Pomona planning meeting at the home of Neomia Bates in Boise.

Kuna Grange #59

Kuna Grange celebrated April Grange Month Friday, April 21, 2017 by honoring several Community members for the service they give to the Kuna Community.

The Proclamation by Mayor Joe Stear of April 2017 as Grange Month for the City of Kuna, Idaho was read by Michele Gumm to open the special celebration of April Grange Month. The theme for 2017 is "Power of the Past, Force of the Future".

Bert Gumm presented and recognized each of the following members of our community for their contribution to our community this past year:



**Firefighter of the Year: Scott Smith, Community
Citizen of the Year: Bobby Withrow,
Educator of the Year: Angelie Bauer,
Granger of the Year: Sharon Fisher,
Police Officer of the Year: Detective Jared Scott.**

Kuna Grange will celebrate 107 years of service to our city on May 11, 2017. They welcome all those desiring to make a positive difference in the lives of those around them. Community service is very much a part of the Grange.

Nampa Valley Grange #131

We have been holding our regular business meetings. Our Treasurer, Joan Harmon, resigned due to health issues. Becky Eilers was appointed as Treasurer. The Master gave the members the password. Ag in the Classroom dues were paid. Rosie Peck took the canned food to Melba's Food Pantry. Vernell Crumbaugh took the school supplies to Park View Elementary School.

The programs have been on Groundhog Day, Citizenship, and a potluck program where members participated by bringing a program. Some of our members attended the Draping of the Charter for Merle Hansen at Maple Grove Grange Hall. Several members attended Hands Across the Border in Ontario; the Treasure Valley Pomona meeting at Nampa Valley Grange Hall, and Kuna Grange's last game night. We have enjoyed the game nights and look forward to game nights in the future. Have a great summer.

A St. Patrick's Day event was also held at Nampa Valley Grange Hall. Some of the members came appropriately dressed in green.



Warren and Becky Eilers, Rosie Peck and Juanita Hodge.

Pleasant Ridge Grange #135

We had our regular business meeting on February 6th. We attended Pomona Grange meeting at Kuna Grange Hall on February 18th. On February 25th, we attended a Pomona planning meeting at Lida Little's home. On February 26th, we hosted a card party at our Hall. A good time was had by all.

On March 6th, we met for our regular Grange business meeting, and on March 18th, we attended a Pomona Grange meeting at Nampa Valley Grange Hall.

We had our regular business meeting on April 3rd at the home of Paul Hellinger. We discovered the wind had broken a limb off one of our trees and it took down the power to our hall. We did cut down all the trees. On April 8th, we attended a Pomona planning meeting at the home of Neomia Bates.

Maple Grove Grange #244 – Pat Glassinger

Maple Grove Grange is proud to welcome our new member, Marshal Struble, who resides in Boise, Idaho. Remember new members are not familiar with some of the things we do at a Grange meeting. So, slow down, explain what is going on as you do it. This is a great way to educate new members. Come on ---- remember when you were a new member ---- oh, did you say you can't remember back that far ---- well ---- it didn't make a lot of sense to you, either; look at how much you have grown in your Grange knowledge. Through the patient efforts of each of us he will be eager to participate and look forward to coming to Grange for entertainment and education.

Here it is June already and we are looking forward to some summertime activities like maybe a Pot Luck BBQ on the patio behind the Grange Hall. The BBQ will be outdoors; but you don't have to eat outside and share with the typical summertime pets – we will set up the tables indoors.



Have a good time; include a Pot Luck Dinner.

Just a reminder – there will be a funeral service for Merle and Laverne Hansen at the Veterans Cemetery on June 9th beginning promptly at 3:00PM. Please keep in mind Merle and Laverne were very special members of our Grange and we would like to set aside this time to remember them. Please feel free to join us on this special day and please put this date and time on your calendar now. Thank you.

In July, we are thinking about an ice-cream social or maybe pie and ice cream after the meeting. It would be a good time to share with us the stories of how your garden is growing this summer whether it be flowers or vegetables.

Are you working on your projects to enter in the many contests at Idaho State Grange? Did I hear a no? Well there is still plenty of time. If you don't know where to start, ask another member. They will be glad to steer you in the right direction. You don't even have to be a member to enter. So if you know someone who likes to keep busy this may just be the thing for them to do. It is fun. You can compete with other members and non-members and get ideas for next year, too. Make it a gift. Homemade things are extra special to receive any time of year.

August will be here before we know it and the students will be back in school. This leaves more time for your project. Start with a simple one. Maybe make a pot holder or dishcloth. I know someone who was

making a potholder and it rapidly became a blanket. It was easier than she thought so she just kept going. You fellows out there can enter these contests, also. Most of you can cook. Enter the baking contest or maybe the photography contest. It's not difficult to put a frame around a picture and enter it. I know you can do it. The more entries we have the more fun it is. We look forward to seeing your project entered. I know Maple Grove Grange has lots of talented members. Show off your artistic abilities.

Until next time look forward to meeting new people and making Grange even better.

BONNER – BOUNDARY COUNTIES

Blanchard Grange #440 – Ruth Erickson

As this very wet spring and past winter has left some of our members trying to regroup after outbuildings and fields have flooded, we all hope for better days ahead.

Even with few active members we continue to forge ahead with methodically restoring the Grange building itself. We are now in the process of drying the siding so it can be installed after harvest is done. Our pie auction in January was successful and we thank all who came for their generosity as this does refund materials.

The Easter egg hunt was enjoyed by 75 – 100 participants; what fun they had. Members Doug and June Yergens donated the use of their property for the event, as they have for several years. Many thanks. On May 5th, the family of Ann Geaudreau, wife of Gold Sheaf Member Wain Geaudreau, will hold a memorial at the Grange. Our condolences to Wain and his family.

Our calendar includes a cake auction and ice cream social on June 10th, and Old Timers Day on October 7th, Veterans Day breakfast on November 11th, and a Christmas Tree Bonfire on December 31st.

The Grange received a letter from the State of Idaho regarding the cracks and disrepair of the dam and bridge upstream from Stoneridge Resort due to the potential of flooding to Blanchard if the dam fails.

A sure sign of spring; the irises planted last fall around the gazebo are growing robustly thanks to the landscaping crew.

DEADLINES FOR SUBMITTING ARTICLES FOR THE IDAHO STATE GRANGE NEWS

February 1st – Spring (March – May Issue)

May 1st – Summer (June – August Issue)

August 1st – Fall (September – November Issue)

November 1st – Winter (December – February Issue)

BONNEVILLE COUNTY POMONA

Portneuf #229

Our March meeting was quite busy. Our Worthy State Master and First Lady came to visit us and we enjoyed their stay very much. We obligated one new member and installed 5 new officers. We were very pleased with the whole day. It was very nice.

April 8th was our Pomona meeting in Blackfoot. Our once a month Birthday Dinner was held at Sizzler's. Everyone found the event really enjoyable. At our meeting on April 22nd we decided to do a thorough cleaning of the hall.

May through October we are having our meetings on the 4th Thursdays with pot luck at 6:00PM.

York #253

At our meeting in March our speaker was Sally Hartert of North Bingham Food Bank and Senior Service. We discussed help for the fencing that was destroyed in the fire. We also donated money to help with the Legislative session.

At our next Pomona meeting in April it was decided to donate to Cattlemen's Association for fencing that needs to be replaced from last year's fires.

At our next meeting to be held on April 22nd, we will have someone report on their lung transplant.

KOOTENAI COUNTY POMONA #7

Granges Working Together on National Quilt Block Contest



Mica Flats ladies participated with Edgemere Grange #355 as it held its first sew day to participate in the National Lecturer Quilt Block Contest. There were three Granges that participated; Edgemere #355, Mica Flats #436 and Bellgrove #369. Bonnie Mitson, who is assisting Chris Hamp in promoting

the program presented and explained the program. The group made 21 blocks in a couple of hours. Much fun, and great food were enjoyed by all who attended. There were even five ladies who were brand new to sewing who joined in.

This is an excellent event to bring in community members and introduce them to the Grange. Edgemere gained a member on this day.

MOIR'S MUSINGS

Gordon Moir

This article is going to be somewhat different than my usual ones.

It is about the Henry's Creek fire that started just east and south of where I am sitting about ten miles from here. It involved three creek drainages which covered 54 (fifty-four) thousand acres of dry land farm grazing, both private and leased, with both State and Federal (BLM) land and the Tex Creek Wildlife Game Refuge (Federal). Because of this, somewhere between 60 to 80 miles of fences were destroyed with the

Annie Halstead and Edgemere Lecturer, Lavelle Turner made a beautiful baby quilt top and donated it to the Grange Foundation for the Quilt Expo in November.

A wonderful treat was to have our National Lecturer, Chris Hamp, join us as well. We encourage every Grange to consider a sew day.

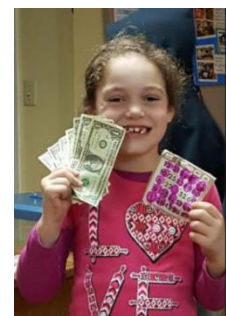
Edgemere Grange #355



Edgemere Grange #355 holds 50/50 Bingo Night for the

months of October through March.

This year due to high demand, we will be extending our Bingo into April! Next year we plan on running Bingo in the months of September through April. For more information please visit our Facebook page under "Edgemere Grange"..



burning and heat caused by the fire. Some stands of trees and brush burned just like a forest fire.

Let me tell you about the concerns with the individual dry farmers and ranchers. This fire was human caused and BLM (Bureau of Land Management) and other agencies having to do with crop subsidies. The government will not pay for any fire damage on government leased land. Fireworks were the cause.

I have been an active member of the Bonneville Cattlemen's Assn. since 1955 and have worked my way up through the chairs and been in a lot of their projects, 4-H and FFA have been some of those ongoing projects.

Some of our members were involved in the fire with owned and leased lands from government agencies; and other owners from our charitable funds, we decided to put \$6,000 seed money to start the fence

materials funds from outside donations. I hope they/we can start a donation drive to help with the post and wire loss.

As a point of information, the heat crystallized the wire and steel posts at ground level and burned the wood posts. The costs for the materials per mile will run around \$2,800. It has been determined that 43 miles of ranching fences were ruined because part of the loss had to do with the Tex Creek fire. I understand that the material supplies are giving some cost breaks to this cause.

York Grange, being close to the fire area has committed \$2,000 to the fund. We are asking Granges and individuals to please contribute what you can to help with this loss. Any amount would be appreciated. Remember the 3rd Degree sign and work. Gordon remembers when there was a flood in North Idaho when Arley Weaver was Master; and Moir was on Executive Board and how Granges and members responded.

If you have any questions call Gordon at 965-7429. Please send check made to Bonneville County Cattlemen’s Assn.; Mail to York Grange, 1193 E 1500 N Idaho Falls, ID 83402 so we can keep track and give credit.

Thank you for your consideration.



IDAHO AG NOTES
Gordon Moir

This last period since December has been very different again. Many extreme warms and heavy snows causing onion sheds caving in west Idaho and eastern Oregon. With the very low cold period there have been frozen bull parts causing infertility in them. It’s a major unexpected cost to have a good young bull to be replaced. That doubles the cost.

In December the wet snows that did the onion shed damage put one of our juniper trees down; flat down on the ground. We got it removed and I am thinking of putting 2 tomato plants there. This is just outside my bedroom window. A whole new world has

opened up for me as we have a split-level house with bedrooms in the basement.

On January 4th I had my left hip replaced and with that my years of lower back pain went away. I feel very good now.

The whole AG prices and costs are so negative that farmers are uncertain as to which to plant or not.

Early winter the hay prices were low; but with the high use of it during the extreme lows the price came up to some degree. Some stacks got flooded and rain and snow ruined uncovered stacks.

All classes of beef prices have come up due to excellent grass outlook. And with the Brazilian and Chinese beef situations, I can’t explain it all here as I am not very informed.

For now we can all hope for the best for the year ahead.

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Grange Insurance Association is pleased to announce that:

JANILEE MILLER of Nampa, Idaho was awarded the Paul & Ethel Holter Memorial scholarship compliments of the Estate of Mrs. Ethel Holter.

BRYCE MILLER of Nampa, Idaho was awarded the Dee & Ina McKern Memorial scholarship.

JAYDEN STODDARD of Jerome, Idaho was awarded a Grange Insurance Association scholarship.

Each year Grange Insurance Association awards scholarships to deserving applicants. The applicant or their parents must be policyholders of Grange Insurance Association. In all, 27 scholarships were awarded this year among the 50 applications received.

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. An announcement will be made in the late fall regarding the program for the following year, and we encourage you to watch this paper. 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.

2017 Idaho State Grange Scholarship Winners

**Samantha Barnes \$1,000.00 Idaho State Grange
Scholarship**

**Ross Blattner \$ 800.00 Idaho State Grange/Pierce
Park Scholarship**

Jacob Rowland \$ 250.00 Mary Graham Scholarship

Samantha Barnes – Idaho State Grange Scholarship



I would like to thank the Idaho State Grange for giving me the opportunity to get this scholarship. Because of their help I am able to complete my Master's Program at the College of

Idaho in Caldwell, and get my Masters degrees in Elementary Education. I am hoping to be able to use these degrees to teach in low income school districts and help students there realize their dreams.

I have been involved in the Grange all my life. First through my grandparents and my mother, and then on my own merit as a member of Maple Grove Grange. I think it is safe to say the Grange is in my blood. I was lucky enough to be able to receive the 7th degree when the National Grange came to Boise and I have been to many State Grange meetings. I am very proud to be able to help represent the younger generation of Grange members in Maple Grove Grange and through my work at College of Idaho. Thank you very much.

Ross Blattner – Idaho State Grange/Pierce Park Scholarship



I am a high school senior at Kuna High School. I have been accepted to the University of Idaho and plan to major in Agriculture Systems Management with a minor in Plant Systems (Agronomy). I hope to to work for an

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agriculture company in the Treasure Valley as an Agronomist, and continue to put steps in place to start my own farming operation. I have the opportunity to continue to raise commercial sheep and beef cattle and also raise production agriculture crops.

A generation ago I would have been able to do this without much education, but due to the advances in agriculture technology this is no longer possible. Agriculture is facing some very big and promising changes. Due to this I would like to be diversified to where I could have employment for a company and while still building my own farming operations. I have put steps in place to make this very thing happen for me. The University of Idaho is a prominent school in agriculture and they teach the new and cutting edge technology so that I am able to get a grasp on what is waiting for me out of college. I know that college is very important in advancing my knowledge and understanding in my chosen career.

Being involved in a farming family has taught me many things and one of those main things is hard work. It is one thing to go to college; however, it is another to graduate with a degree that will help me the rest of my life. The only way that I get there is with hard work that I put in to make it happen. I want to create a future for myself and embrace the challenges that might face me.

My family on my mother's side has ranched in southern Idaho for the past 5 generations. My grandpa has lived and ranched there all his life and yet he has instilled in me how important it is that I get a degree from a reputable school. He has seen firsthand the changes that are taking place in agriculture and the things I will need to know going into it. He graduated from college and he has told me that college is one of the main reasons he has been successful in ranching. When a vet or a nutritionist or a rangeland monitor is explaining things to him, he understands what they are talking about and can actually ask questions rather than not even knowing what is being prescribed.

I am very lucky to have the option to go to college and I know how much more I need to work to make it happen. It is just a stepping stone to my career goals.

I, again, want to thank you very much for helping to make my dream a reality.

Jacob Rowland – Mary Graham Scholarship

Thank you for the scholarship!



During the past four years, I have been an active member of the Kuna FFA Chapter, participating on judging teams, chairman of activities,

held a chapter office, shown animals at our local county fairs and been involved in several other activities. I attended the State Leadership Conventions, received my State Farmer Degree, attended the National Convention on the Livestock Judging Team, and participated in the Washington Leadership Conference in Washington DC. I played football for 2 years in high school and ran track. I also race dirt bikes, hunt, fish, and hold a fulltime job during the summer.

After I graduate this coming spring I will attend the University of Idaho. I am currently planning on an Animal Science major studying Beef Production through the College of Agriculture. I am also planning on taking a lot of Ag Business classes. I will try to get some internships during the summer months while attending college. This will give me valuable experience and will help me determine if I am working towards a career that will be enjoyable and fulfilling. Upon college graduation, I would like to work for a large cattle producer/rancher which will help me gain further experience as well as give me an opportunity to start and slowly expand and develop my own cow herd. My ultimate goal is to develop a cow/calf operation that produces high quality, competitive, yet affordable club calves which I will sell to local 4-H and FFA kids. I want to develop some top- notch genetics that will allow me to show, compete and ultimately win a national stock show.



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