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THE MICA MINUTE

Monthly News from the Mica Flats Grange

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

While I was out and about getting my last minute shopping in for Thanksgiving, I found myself among the masses at Costco. As I walked in the door I had to tell myself 'be patient'. As the check out lines snaked through the store, I couldn't help but think how blessed we are in the abundance of being able fill our carts in anticipation of Thanksgiving day, and the fellowship of friends and family it brings.

We are so very blessed. As we ready ourselves for Christmas, I encourage you to be intentional. Reach out to help those that are less fortunate and share your abundance, big or small. While you are stuck in traffic, count your blessings for a job to go to, or gas in your tank. When you are navigating the crowds and check out lines, be patient and count your blessings for the abundance. When you sit down for that evening meal, count your blessing of food on the table. As you celebrate Christmas remember the true meaning, the birth of Jesus, and all the blessings He brings to our lives. Cherish the season, as it will soon be gone and we will be on to a new year and all that it brings.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Nancy King, President MFG



Join the Jolly Workers of Mica 4-H Club for their annual Community Christmas Program Friday, December 16th at 7pm

Bring your caroling voices and appetites for yummy treats and reception after the show.

If you are good boys and girls, Santa may stop by.

See you there!



CALENDAR

December

- 1st Grange Business Meeting 7:00 pm
- 6th Put On Your Own Shoes Day
- 8th Happy Family Club 11:30 pm
Pretend to Be a Time Traveler Day
- 10th Pinochle 7:00 pm
- 11th Jolly Workers of Mica 4H 3:00 pm
- 14th MKIFPD Commissioners Meeting 6:00 pm
- 16th Community Christmas Program
Chocolate Covered Anything Day
- 24th Eggnog Day
- 25th Christmas Day
- 31st Square Dance 7:00 pm
Make Up Your Mind Day

January

- 4th Trivia Day
- 5TH Grange Business Meeting 7:00 pm
- 8th Jolly Workers of Mica 4H 3:00 pm
- 10th Clean off Your Desk Day
- 12th Bag and Boobs Project 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
- 14th Pinochle 7:00 pm
- 16th Martin Luther King Day
- 21st Squirrel Appreciation Day
- 24th Compliment Day
- 25th MKIFPD Commissioners Meeting 6:00 pm
- 28th Square Dance 7:00 pm
- 31st National Bubble Wrap Appreciation Day

February

- 4th CHINGO!! Chili at 5 pm, Bingo at 6 pm
- EVERYONE IS WELCOME to all Mica Flats Grange meetings and activities.**

Come and see what the Grange is all about.

The Grange is America's foremost volunteer grassroots organization, comprised of families and individuals who share a common interest in community involvement, agriculture and working together in a family environment. Through strong local leadership and innovation, the Grange contributes to a stronger and better way of life for all Americans.



The Bag and Boobs ministry is running low on drain bags for breast cancer patients. We will be having a sew day, to replenish their supply, at the Mica Flats Grange on Thursday, January 12th starting at

9 am to 3 pm. Lunch will be provided. Please come prepared with your sewing machine to work on this worthy cause. Fabric, kits, iron etc. will be provided. Just bring your machine equipped with thread, bobbin, needles, and an extension cord if needed.

If you have questions please call Jeannie Billmire at 208 659-1049 You can find more information at BagAndBoobBabes.com

Square dances held the last Saturday of the month, October - March. See you on New Year's Eve!



Old fashioned square dance with live music! Family friendly event; Beginners Night every night, all ages welcome! No dance experience needed, we will teach you!

Doors open at 7:30 pm.

Suggested donation:

6 and under: free

1-12: \$2 - 13+: \$3

Bring a snack to share!!

3rd Annual FUNdraiser Auction

Saturday, June 3, 2023, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Live and Silent Auctions, Raffles and more!

*** WE NEED YOUR DONATIONS ***

DO YOU HAVE:

- A classic car taking up room in your garage?
- Antiques that need a new home?
- Jewelry that stays tucked away in a drawer?
- A business willing to donate items or services?
- Cash burning a hole in your pocket?
- Specialty handmade items?
- Tasty baked good?
- **New/Like New** items?
- Fabulous item to regift?
- Or other auction treasures?
- Contact us for more information at:
MicaFlatsGrange@msn.com or
208-769-9590



Brothers left to right:

John, George and Duncan Carnie gathered with family at Carnie Farm, Mica Flats to celebrate George's 90th birthday.



The Mica Kidd Island Fire Protection District Board of Commissioners have been discussing a possible Levy Override. Next meeting will be December 14th at 6:00 pm at the fire station.



Huge thank you to everyone for supporting the Eddy House in Reno NV. In conjunction with Granges nationwide, we raised:

- \$3500 in cash,
- \$300 in VISA/Amazon cards
- 66 pillowcases to be transformed into drawstring bags.

The Eddy House serves 18-24 year old at risk youth & homeless.

Jeannie Billmire, Community Service Director



The CdA School District will have two levies on the March 14, 2023 ballot.

- \$5 million/year for 5 years School Plant Facilities Reserve Fund
- \$25 million/year Indefinite Term Supplemental Levy.

You can share your thoughts on the 5 year levy online at:
<https://my.thoughtexchange.com/scroll/522886000/welcome>



2nd Saturday every month, at 7:00 pm

Join us December 10th bring a snack to share

We will teach you to play!!



Mike Pond, our Community Safety Partnership Director, is setting up a CPR Class in January. Date and time is yet to be confirmed. If you are interested in participating in this life saving class, please let Mike know by December 15th, so the appropriate number of instructors and equipment can be secured. Class size will be limited, so let him know today. Email: michael.pond1950@gmail.com or call/text him at 503-679-7799