

Fall festival to fete familiar farm family

Members of the Talley family have been named grand marshals of the 70th annual Arroyo Grande Harvest Festival.

The Talleys are known in Arroyo Grande for their Talley Vineyards and Talley Farms businesses.

Oliver Talley started farming in 1948 in the Arroyo Grande Valley. Now second and third generation family members grow fruits and vegetables, including bell peppers, cilantro, zucchini, spinach, nappa cabbage, lemons, grapes and avocados. **Brian and Johnnie Talley**, co-owners of Talley Vineyards, created a Fund for Vineyard and Farm Workers in 2004. Since that time, the endowment has grown to

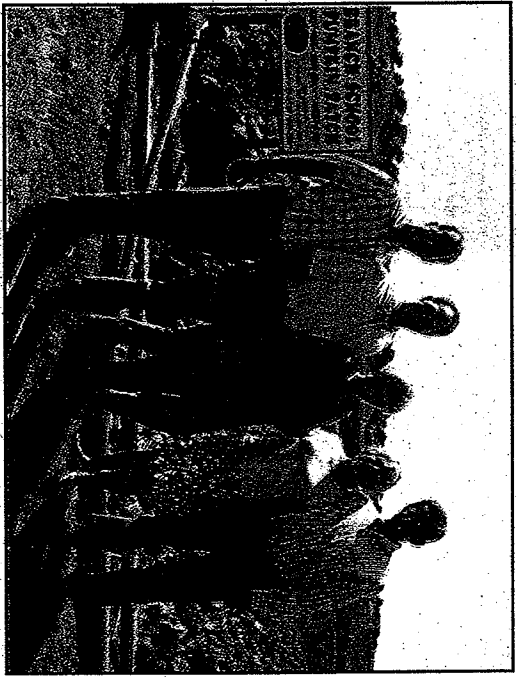
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more than \$250,000. The entire family also has been involved with other charitable efforts relating to schools, the arts, and the South County Historical Society. The festival will honor the memories of the late **Don and Ken Talley** — brothers who farmed in Arroyo Grande throughout their lives. The Harvest Festival takes place Sept. 28-29. The parade

is at 10 a.m. on Sept. 29 beginning at Halcyon and East Grand Avenue and moving through the Village of Arroyo Grande to Mason Street.

For information, visit the www.agharvestfestival.com or call **Vivian Krug** at 458-3321.



Members of the Talley family, from left: Ryan Talley, Todd Talley, Karen Talley Miller, Rosemary Talley and Brian Talley. Talley's have been farming in the South County since 1948.

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