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*Welcome to Nebraska!*

The Nebraska State Grange invites you to attend the Great Plains Youth Conference in Grange Island, Nebraska, on June 22-24 at the Ramada Midtown Conference Center. We are planning a "Welcome to Nebraska" weekend, full of good food, fun and wonderful learning experiences.

**Registration Information**

Online registration is available at <https://tinyurl.com/GreatPlains2018>. Paper registration forms are available if needed. Please fill out one registration form (online or paper) per

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- Early Bird Registration — Deadline March 15, 2018  
\$75 (Ages 14+)  
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## 2018 Great Plains Regional Conference June 22-24, 2018

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**Room Reservations**

For room reservations call the Ramada Midtown Conference Center at 308-382-1330.

For Grange Conference rate, call before April 15, 2018, and mention the Nebraska State Grange.

Conference rate is \$99.95/night

plus tax (includes Complementary Full Breakfast Buffet).

**Grand Island, Nebraska**

Located where U.S. Highway 34 intersects Interstate 80 (and U.S. Highway 30, or the Lincoln Highway), the city of Grand Island is easily accessible from anywhere. There are also a number of interesting places to visit along the way, including the Stuhr Museum of the Prairie Pioneer and the Hastings Museum a few miles south of Grand Island (including the history of Kool-Aid). For more information about area attractions, see <http://www.grand-island.com/home> and <http://visitgrandisland.com>.

**Grand Island Fun Fact:** in the mid 1800s, an idea came to light to develop a city in Central Nebraska. This city would be situated along the Platte River Road, and the first settlers hoped that the central location of this city would be ideal for the relocation of the nation's capital from Washington, D.C. This dream, of course, never became reality.



## Agriculture Day At The Capitol Set For March 22 In Denver

A celebration of Colorado's agricultural producers and agribusinesses is set for Thursday, March 22, at the Capitol Building in Denver.

The ag organizations that make up the Colorado Agriculture Council will once again host Agriculture Day at the Capitol, starting at 10:30 a.m. and featuring the teaming up of 14 local chefs with various lawmakers and ag representatives in a cook-off competition of Colorado-grown foods. Lunch will be served around 11 a.m.

Producers, the public and media are all invited to attend the event, which takes place as part of National Agriculture Week.

The Colorado ag event at the State Capitol has become one of the most popular events under the Golden Dome — attended by about 1,000 people, including the governor, state

legislators, farmers, ranchers and many others.

Each year, the event showcases all that Colorado's ag industry does for our state, highlighting its efforts in feeding Colorado's 5 million-plus people, its stewardship of our resources, and its \$40 billion economic impact — a top two or three contributor to the state's economy each year.

The event also recognizes the ag industry's incredible generosity to those in need, as Colorado producers continue to be some of the biggest supporters of the state's food banks. In 2017, the ag industry's product and

## — In Memoriam —

### John Ray Hagen

November 19, 1947-January 30, 2018

John Ray Hagen, 70, of Beulah, Colorado, passed away peacefully on Jan. 30, 2018, in Pueblo.

John was a lifetime member of the Grange. He was also the Great Grange Master for the state of Colorado for eight years and was a member of the Beulah Trivia Club at the time of his death.

He is survived by his loving wife Trudy Hagen; sister, Marge; niece, Stacy (Roy); nephew, James.

At his request cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held on Sunday, April 22 at 12 p.m. at the Beulah Community Center. Lunch to follow.



John Hagen

monetary contributions to Colorado's five Feeding America food banks totaled up to \$23.2 million.

Anyone looking for more information about Agriculture Day at the Capitol can contact event manager David Collie at [david@collieconsultingllc.com](mailto:david@collieconsultingllc.com).

## Important Dates

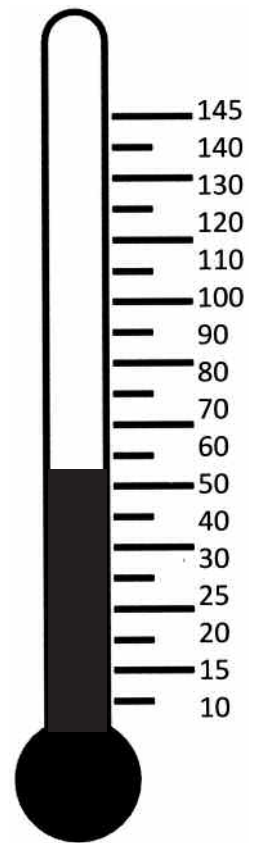
- Call individual Granges for more information.*
- March 10 Pine Needle Basket Making Class, 12 to 3 p.m., Florissant Grange
  - March 11 Pancake Breakfast 8-10:30 a.m., Golden Gate Grange
  - March 11 Community Supper 6 p.m., Mt. Lookout Grange
  - March 14 St. Patrick's Day Irish Potluck, 6:30 p.m., Enterprise Grange
  - March 16 Pollinators Program and Potluck 6:30 p.m., Marvel Grange
  - March 22 Talent Show, Wheat Ridge Grange
  - March 24 Annual Easter Party, 1-3 p.m., Florissant Grange
  - March 24 Canyon Chili Cook Off 5-7 p.m., Golden Gate Grange
  - March 31 Eggmania, 1-3 p.m., Golden Gate Grange
  - March 31 Free Community Breakfast 8-10 a.m., Marvel Grange
  - March 31 Easter Supper, 5 p.m., Mt. Allison Grange
  - April 7 Opening Day of Common Earth Community Garden, Enterprise Grange
  - April 8 Pancake Breakfast, 8-10:30 a.m., Golden Gate Grange
  - April 8 Community Supper, 6 p.m., Mt. Lookout Grange
  - April 11 Community Service Night, 6:30 p.m., Enterprise Grange
  - April 14 Spring Craft Show 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Florissant Grange
  - April 21 Annual Youth Benefit Breakfast, 9-11 a.m., Maple Grove Grange
  - April 21 Pancake Breakfast, Grand View Grange
  - April 29 Celebrate Grange Month Fun Day, 12-3 p.m., Florissant Grange
  - May 9 Cinco de Mayo Potluck, 6:30 p.m., Enterprise Grange
  - May 13 Pancake Breakfast, 8-10:30 a.m., Golden Gate Grange

## Challenge 145

What is Challenge 145?

It's a goal to have 145 New Grange Members in the State of Colorado by our 145th annual Session. Is it possible? Absolutely!!! If twenty (20) Granges each get seven (7) new members we will have almost reached the goal.

Third quarter reports in 2017 reported that 39 new members were added to the roll. This number does not include five members who demitted to another Grange, as they were already members in Colorado. The fourth quarter reports showed an increase of 18. Let's keep up the good work.



## Get Organized For Grange Youth Focus Areas Contest

**Develop and submit YOUR program!**

The best and most viable programs for large-scale use or replication will be included in the 2018 Grange Youth Program Guide.

The Grange encourages all Grange Youth to develop programs around the following topics, test them in their Subordinate, Pomona or State Granges, and develop a summary of the project using the following format.

**TOPICS:**

- a. Grange History/  
150 Years of Grange
- b. Agriculture Advocacy/Education
- c. Citizenship/Grassroots Advocacy

Submit to the National Grange Youth Development Director by Sept. 1, 2018, a summary of the way in which your Grange took on the topic, the program/project developed around the focus area, the roles designated by the group and how the group made decisions, the timeline, project funding/support necessary, and outcome. The summary should include a list of all Grange participants and numbers on those who actively participated and an estimate and description of those who subsequently benefited from the event/program. You should also include a summary of media coverage/media content distribution related to the program or event such as an overview of articles found in your Grange newsletter about the program, copies of ad-

vertisements/posts made on social media about the program and/or news stories.

Submissions will be judged based on creativity, repeatability at other Grange events and advancement/education of the topic area.

First place for each category will receive \$50. All submissions will receive a certificate and will be included in a youth idea book.

**Folding Display Contest**

**Contest Rules:**

- 1) All entrants must be youth or young adult members of a subordinate/community Grange.
  - 2) There will be two age divisions of the Folding Display Contest: Youth — Grange members between the ages of 14-21 as of Jan. 1; Young Adult — Grange members between the ages of 22-35.
  - 3) Each entry must be selected at a state Grange level contest. Each state may send up to one entry per category to national contest. The display theme must be Grange related. State youth directors must notify National Youth Director by Oct. 1 or after state session, of state winners.
  - 4) All entries must be exhibited at the National Grange Session; members need not attend to participate.
  - 5) A Grange member may enter as an individual OR as a member of a
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# Master's Message

**Cindy Greer, State Master**

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We are saddened to say goodbye to three of our faithful Grangers during the last two months. They have heard the words from our Father in Heaven "Well Done Good and Faithful Servants." Their painful absence can be lessened by the memories we have of the time we spent with them. The challenge for us is to learn to move on without their physical presence.

We need to continue to get the name of the Grange out into the public in honor of those who have gone on before us and so that we can continue to do the Good work that the Grange has done and can do in the future. How will your Grange be getting the Grange name out into the public in the coming year? April is Grange Month and it's up to us to share with our communities what "The Grange Way" is. For each Grange that is somewhat different, the similarities that we have is the Grange name and our purpose in our communities. Grange Month Posters in color and black and white are available upon request for each Grange that would like to use them. Also included is a Grange Health Survey which has been sent out via-email and to Masters in the Masters' newsletter.

I recently attended a workshop on Water presented by the Colorado Ag Water Alliance. We all know that Water is one thing that can be the source of many arguments. Colorado Water law is very complicated and somewhat difficult to understand. Just because there is a ditch running through your property doesn't mean you have the right to use that water anytime you want. For example, you have to have water rights and understand the difference between senior and junior water rights. The discussions included the meaning of "Use it or Lose it," "Strategies for water scarcity in the Grand Valley," "Piping and Lining Ditches," a project near Crawford and what Ag producers think about "water leasing."

It was interesting to learn that Colorado's population grew by 77,049 people according to *The Denver Post*, with the projected average growth to be as much as 82,500 a year in the future. Which means that those people will be using an additional 13,000 Acre-feet or 4,236,063,000 gallons of water a year. So the question arises how do we meet that need? The State Water Plan has identified three methods which include: Conservation, Storage and Ag Water leasing with a goal of 50,000 acre feet per year. The Colorado Cattlemen's Association wondered if anyone had asked Ag producers what they thought about the water leasing idea. Of course no one has asked, so they created a 25 question survey and sent it out to producers in the state. Of those who answered the survey: 42% said maybe, 20% said yes, and 35% said no, less than 5% didn't know. For those who said maybe the determining factor would be the price that they would get for leasing their water and not producing crops. I realized that the diversity of our state's land affects the way water is used. With this information it might be food for thought for resolutions.

Two resolutions passed at state session are in the process of getting started. The resolution regarding the updating of our Colorado Grange History for the last 45 years is slowly getting started. We are working on getting a general overview of the past 45 years by reading through Journals of Proceedings, getting bios of Past Masters since the first book was written, compiling a list of Past Grange Princes, Princesses, Ambassadors, and Young Couples and developing a form for Subordinate and Pomona Granges to submit their updated history for the last 45 years.

The resolution regarding Officer training is going to be met in several different ways.

- We have already created and sent out a Master's Handbook, a Secretaries Handbook and a State Officers Handbook. If you have any questions after reading your respective handbook, please be sure to ask either the State Master or State Secretary.
- We are considering holding Zoom meetings for Lecturers, Community Service, Secretaries and others. Zoom meetings can be participated in either by phone or by computer.
- There will continue to be a Lecturers, and Family & Women's Activity conference at State Session and we hope a Secretaries' conference as well as any other conference that is requested. We need to hear those requests prior to June so that we can make plans to add them in at State Session.
- After State Session we will hold a training conference, if officers are willing and we have finances to cover their expenses — probably on the Eastern Slope since State Session will be in the Durango area this fall. We felt that a fall conference would be the best time as new officers will have taken over by then and probably have questions.

**Deadline For The May-June 2018 Issue Of The Colorado Granger Is April 15, 2018.**

**Visit the Colorado State Grange website [www.coloradogranger.org](http://www.coloradogranger.org)**

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# Notes From The Secretary

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**A Positive Point Of View**

Sometimes I just have to take a deep breath and shout Hallelujah. That is how getting through January feels. The end of January means the Roster is complete and mailed out, the Journal of Proceedings is also finished and mailed out, the Colorado State Taxes and IRS Taxes are completed, the fourth quarter dues are almost all in and the fourth quarter report to National is finished. January is a busy month... and here we are into Febru-

ary working on the March/April *Granger*. WHEW.

Thank you all again for sending in your change of addresses. I received several more recently and it really helps the State Office reduce the cost of postage. Keep up the good work.

I hope you all received your new *Handbook* in the last edition of your *Colorado Granger*. I don't know what happened, but the mailing seemed to be later than usual and I for one did not get a copy of the *Handbook* in



**John Hagen Memorial**

This report is dedicated to John Hagen who partnered with me in this column's reports to *Colorado Grangers*.

Above all, John was a dedicated Granger. His membership began early and with Homestead Grange, one of Colorado's oldest Granges. He was the State Master for three terms and he and Trudy were Colorado's Delegates to the National Sessions during that time. He also held State Grange offices of Gate Keeper, Treasurer, and Overseer in addition to his time as Master and he was presently on the State Grange Executive Committee.

His family has Colorado pioneer roots with a history beginning over 100 years ago. He was an available listener and advisor to me when I was State Grange Master.

John was my friend. He and Trudy generously shared time with Kay and I at Grange sessions here and at National. We regularly met at the State Fair's Ag Commissioner's day at the beginning of each Fair session in August. John was a U.S. Postal Service worker and retired from that job in Beulah where he and Trudy lived. He was working on a house there and he

# Agriculture Report

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and Trudy had purchased land for a future home west of Pueblo. He also sat on the CSU President's Ag Advisory Council and was a regular participant at the annual Ag Day at the State Capitol held each March and he was responsible for other agriculture activities important to the Grange.

**AGRICULTURE REPORT**

Items introduced and discussed at the January 31 Colorado Ag Council meeting, the first meeting of this session.

\*HB 1043 to label place of origin for food products; Rep. Valdez, negative vote due to "fiscal" impact. An initiative on origin labeling may be in motion.

\*Bill on ag labor and drivers licenses; currently illegals can obtain a license but must go to Denver or Grand Junction for the exam but there is a 3-month backlog in Denver. The effort will be to expedite licensing. Ag workers need licenses to drive producer vehicles

\*Lack of truck drivers, lack of trucks, and new federal electronic monitoring of drivers. Drivers must take a break after 10 hours — for livestock haulers this can lead to complications if they have a livestock load



John Hagen, second from right, with Mike and Carol Lackey and Alan Caldwell at Ag Day at the State Capitol.

## Leadership Scholarship Foundation News

by Jeanne Davies, Foundation President

It is an honor for the Colorado State Grange to be able to award scholarships to our outstanding young Grangers. The Foundation Board always feels it is a privilege to examine the applications and read about the achievements and goals of each of these applicants. We have some outstanding young Grangers and we are grateful that the Grange can encourage them in their plans for further and higher education.

The funds for these scholarships come from donations to the Leadership and Scholarship Foundation from Granges, Grangers and families as memorial donations or as direct gifts to the Foundation. An annual report is given to the State Grangers at the State Grange Convention each fall. We encourage you to tell your Grangers of the scholarships for Grange members, children of Grangers or grandchildren of Grangers and the benefits to them if they are looking to further their education.

Please remember to make a donation to the Leadership and Scholarship Foundation when you wish to make memorial gifts for family or Grange friends. And encourage your Grange to give when someone in your Grange has passed away. If a Granger has passed away and has been an officer of the State Grange or a delegate to State Grange and a memorial gift has been sent in their name the name being memorialized is written in the Book of Memories at State Grange and is read at the memorial service at the State Convention.

Please see the application and process on our website: [www.coloradogranger.org](http://www.coloradogranger.org).

my *Granger*. If you didn't get one, you can find it online on our website or you can email or call me and I will send you a paper copy. Be sure to keep it on hand so you can join the fun at State Session entering all the contests. It is on our State Grange Website at: [www.coloradogranger.org](http://www.coloradogranger.org).

In putting together the *Colorado Granger* this month, I got to read about all the activities going on at your Granges. Some of the Granges have really increased activities and that is so exciting to see. Check out the "IMPORTANT DATES" section of the *Granger* and try to visit a Grange other than your own. It is usually lots of fun and you get some great ideas of events you can have at your own Grange to generate more interest in our Granges.

*You cannot have a positive life and a negative mind.* — Joyce Meyer

and no place to off-load them for rest. A San Luis Valley potato producer had 36 loads and no trucks. Many potato loads go to Florida leaving a long haul-back problem.

\*Broadband bill to expand access in rural areas and expand speed from 4 Megs to 10 Megs. Sen. Coram, opposition is coming from Century Link.

\*Rep. Arndt is running bills to allow expanded use for reclaimed water — toilet flushing, marijuana, and edible crops.

Possible transportation funding bill: Senate Bill 18-001. Statement from Colorado State Republicans announcing a discussion in early February: legislation to ask voters to authorize \$3.5 billion in transportation bonds without tax increase by making Colorado's roads and highways a priority not a "leftover" in our state budget.

This bill has initial support from the Senate leadership and from the House minority leader. So, if it emerges from both and is signed by the Governor, voters would be asked to support bonding to fund transportation. The bonds would be funded from the General Fund at \$250 million per year over 20 years. Our state is horribly behind in maintaining and expanding our highway infrastructure and this step is a positive effort. Recent history shows a declining fund commitment for transportation from the General Fund. Stay tuned for more.

The legislators are finding a lot of positive interest in agriculture this year. Hearings on ag items are receiving standing room only attendance.

Note that the Ag Day at the Capitol is Thursday, March 22, a change from the earlier announced March 21.

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## Lecturer's Creative And Performing Arts

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There is a wonderful resource for Lecturer Programs on the National Grange website, nationalgrange.org. If you go to the menu header and click on Programs and then click on Lecturer's Programming, you will find a listing of Programs in a Box which are ready-made lecturer programs you can use in your Grange. Below is a quick summary of the available materials and programs.

I'll start by explaining a Program in a Box created by our own State President, Cindy Greer. It is called "A&W Root Beer" and won the 2016 Lecture in Box contest. If you think this program sounds fun, remember National Root Beer Float Day is August 6. Activities and Recipes for adults and juniors alike are included in the program materials. A&W Root Beer history and recipes are highlighted.

The first program listed is a history program on fellow Granger Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal called "Green Towns and The New Deal." It explores the goal of resettlement of 650,000 people from agriculturally exhausted lands. It tells of the creation of "Green Towns" and highlights Greenbelt, Maryland; Greendale, Wisconsin; and Greenhills, Ohio.

"Agritourism and Outbreak On Farms" is a program created by Sara Brandon, then a veterinary student at LSU. It includes a PowerPoint presentation and document and shows to non-farmers the safety precautions they may see on a farm that is participating in an Agritourism activity.

One we all could benefit from was created by Cassidy Cheddar, a SAEP Accredited Parliamentarian. "Parliamentary Procedure and Its Use in the

Grange" explains correct parliamentary procedure through handouts and a PowerPoint presentation.

"Reproduction, Anatomy, Diseases and Research Related to Strawberries" created by Annie Montes, graduate student in plant pathology at the University of Maryland, tells exactly what the title implies through PowerPoint and handouts plus gives a number of strawberry recipes.

"Yoga" is a program created for all of us that would like to strengthen our core. A Beginner's Yoga program is included and so are handouts on how yoga works to relieve stress.

"It Can Wait" includes a short presentation created by AT&T about Distracted Driving. The message "Keep your eyes on the road, not your phone" is presented through a PowerPoint and handouts.

A readymade program from the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services called "Health Insurance Marketplace" is available to download. It centers on finding medical insurance options that fit individual needs.

A Spanish translation of the Grange Opening is available in a program called, "Encourage Grange Membership and English Language Skills."

And finally, a program said to be enjoyable, created by Suzy Ramm of the Oregon State Grange, is "Cones." Topics like Do You Know Your Cones and Traffic Cone History are covered in a PowerPoint presentation.

So, I invite you to look at these resources for those times when you just aren't finding anything to do. Some of them might work as community programs.



## Family & Women's Activities

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A new year is upon us and it is time to get busy working on projects to enter at the 2018 State Session in Durango. There are many categories, ranging from baking to needlecrafts — something for everyone! Look at the handbook that came out in January to see what you might do!

Recently a former brain surgeon told how important it is for everyone

to learn something new. This helps the brain to form new pathways. What a great opportunity we have by entering something in the contest event! It might be something you have always done, or why not try something new! Classes are available in almost anything you may be interested in to learn things.

Even though it is sometimes hard to try something new, it helps to have a positive attitude and think that you can do it, instead of thinking you can't. I knew of an entertainer who started out to be a P.E. teacher when she became acquainted with a singer/entertainer, and decided she too liked music. She completely switched her career and became a very successful

country music entertainer, even though she did not have a music background at all. What worked is that she had a positive attitude and said, "I can do this" and she did!

So when you think it might be kinda fun to do a particular hobby, try it — you might like it!

A new exhibit at the Golden Quilt Museum in February was a display of quilts made by men, "Boys Just Wanna Have Fun!" It is amazing what those boys can do! Quilting is not just a girl thing any more! Break into something new that interests you!

We hope to see many more entries this year at the State Session on Durango!

## Claudia's Corner



by Claudia the Skunk from the National Grange Herd

The State Master recently went somewhere and didn't bring me along. Someone asked where I (Claudia) was. I was beginning to think that no one really cared whether I went or not. I feel good that someone missed me.

We haven't been traveling too much the past couple of months. Lots of things going on here at home and it is my hibernation time. Some of my friends have left signs that they were out and about by leaving a stink behind. What kind of impression do you leave behind when you go out as a Granger? I hope that it's a good one and that people can see that you have Faith in God, nurture hope, dispense charity and are noted for fidelity. That's the Grange Way!

We recently received a reminder from the National Grange concerning a different kind of smell regarding marijuana and Grange Halls. Here's what is in the National Grange Digest.

Sections 10.12.1 through 10.12.3 of the Digest of Laws set forth the Grange's policy on illegal drugs as follows:

### ILLEGAL DRUGS

10.12.1. All Granges are prohibited from allowing the use of Schedule I drugs, as defined by the federal Controlled Substances Act (CSA), in a Grange hall or on any Grange property or at any Grange meeting in buildings or on property not owned by the Grange.

10.12.2. Section 1 of this Article shall apply to all Schedule II through V drugs as defined by the CSA, except those held in lawful possession as prescribed by a licensed physician.

10.12.3. No Grange shall allow on Grange property any other person to engage in activities that circumvent Section 10.12.1 or encourage the disregard of the CSA.

This policy is applicable to marijuana, a Schedule I drug, even in those states that have legalized or decriminalized it.

## Publicity

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Publicity as defined in Webster's Dictionary is: (1): the quality or state of being public (2) (A): an act or device designed to attract public interest; specifically: information with news value issued as a means of gaining public attention or support (B): the dissemination of information or promotional material C: paid advertising D: public attention or acclaim.

The Goal of the Colorado State Grange is to get our name and presence out into the public view.

To keep the Grange in the public eye, we as Grangers should be aware of the need for publicity and the need to use the forums available to us. We all use the old standbys of the local newspaper and radio to post ads for events at the Grange. If you are having an event that you think might interest the public, invite the local reporters to the event.

Many of the Granges nationwide use Facebook, but there are still those who do not use it. Facebook is a good place to keep in touch with local Grange activities and to reach a wider audience, who also use this forum. Facebook is also a great place to get new ideas from Granges across the nation to work into a Grange at any level from Subordinate to State. As the publicity director, I have liked as many Grange Facebook pages as I can from local to the national level. I would like to see more of our state Granges use this so we can work together.

For Grange Month in April, Teresa Montejano, Community Service Director, has set up a statewide food drive to benefit your local foodbank or a needy family. This is a state and local community service project. See Teresa's article at right.

We as local Granges have other avenues of getting our name out there.

We can publish our own newsletter and leave extra copies in the hall for the public who uses our halls for meetings and parties. We can use local message boards such as 360Durango to post our events — this one could be used by several Granges in a local area as we do here — there may be a cost for this service and would work best for Granges in a geographic region to share it i.e.: the Denver Area Granges.

The other venue for publicity is just plain old word of mouth. Wearing your Grange Pins or having a Grange pen, button, etc. generates curiosity and people tend to ask you about the Grange.

With all this in mind pick what works best for you and your Grange.

If you publish a newsletter please put me on your mailing list at email above. Please invite me to your Facebook page if you have one — Elizabeth Rosenberg-Aanenson Hiner.

## Community Service

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### COLORADO STATE GRANGE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

**WHEN: April — Grange Month**

**DESCRIPTION:** Each Grange in Colorado should pick a food bank or individual families to collect and donate food for the month of April. Make sure to take pictures and write stories for the community service books and the Granger.



## Health Awareness

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**April Is Health Awareness Month**

I had a request to research Diabetes and this is what I found:

The number of people with diabetes is growing. As a result, the number of people with kidney failure caused by diabetes is also growing. Each year in the United States, more than 100,000 people are diagnosed with **kidney failure**, a serious condition in which the kidneys fail to rid the body of wastes.

Several areas of research supported by the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) hold great potential. Discovery of ways to predict who will develop kidney disease may lead to greater **prevention**, as people with diabetes who learn they are at risk institute strategies such as intensive management of blood glucose and blood pressure control.

### People with diabetes should:

- have their health care provider measure their A1C level at least twice a year. The test provides a weighted average of their blood glucose level for the previous three months. They should aim to keep it at less than seven percent.
- check their feet every time they shower since some have little or no feeling.
- work with their health care provider regarding insulin injections, medicines, meal planning, physical activity, and blood glucose monitoring.
- have their blood pressure checked several times a year. If blood pressure is high, they should follow their health care provider's plan

for keeping it near normal levels. They should aim to keep it at less than 130/80.

- ask their health care provider whether they might benefit from taking an ACE inhibitor or ARB.
- ask their health care provider to measure their eGFR at least once a year to learn how well their kidneys are working.
- ask their health care provider to measure the amount of protein in their urine at least once a year to check for kidney damage.
- ask their health care provider whether they should reduce the amount of protein in their diet.

### Points to Remember

- Diabetes is the leading cause of chronic kidney disease and kidney failure in the United States.
- People with diabetes should be screened regularly for kidney disease. The two key markers for kidney disease are estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR) and urine albumin.
- Drugs used to lower blood pressure can slow the progression of kidney disease significantly. Two types of drugs, angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitors and angiotensin receptor blockers (ARBs), have proven effective in slowing the progression of kidney disease.
- In people with diabetes, excessive consumption of protein may be harmful.
- Intensive management of blood glucose has shown great promise for people with diabetes, especially for those in the early stages of chronic kidney disease.



## P.I.C.K.

**People Improving Communities And Kids**

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PICK subscribes to "Grant Station" which gives us access to a data base of foundations that give grants for various projects. We have discovered that there are a number of free Webinars on writing Grants on YouTube and other sites. We hope to have two more individuals learn about writing Grants in proper format so that we can help more Granges. We can't guarantee anything but we can try. Grant Station produced 23 sources of capital improvement grants for Colorado with about seven serving the Denver Metro area specifically.

Any time a foundation requires a 501c3 number to apply for a Grant

that means that a Grange needs to approach PICK for assistance and that the Grange request must be written from the PICK point of view and not the Subordinate Grange's point of view. This difference could result in acceptance of the proposal and receiving a grant or not receiving a grant.

In an effort to get information from Granges on their needs we fell short of getting the needed information to proceed with the company that was offering services and felt that we would be wasting our money and their time. We will continue to try to learn the ropes and help as we can.

# Tune In To Junior Grange

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Hello everyone!! Did you have a great winter so far? Down here in the southwest corner we haven't had much of a winter yet. As we get ready for spring if your junior signed up for a pen pal from the national pen pal program then you should have received your first letter. Make sure that you write back, so we can get this awesome program started. Have you thought about entering the talent, public speaking, or sign-a-song contests? We will have two chances to get entered into these great programs this year, once at our night at the zoo, and also at state Grange session. So get to work on those great projects.



We will be meeting at the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo on Saturday at 5:30 p.m. SHARP. They will have some pizza for us, we will take a tour of the zoo, feed the giraffes. Remember that we will be sleeping in the ZOO so bring your sleeping bag; we will get a full list of what you need to bring when you register. Everyone who attends will get free admission to the zoo all day Sunday. To end our awesome excursion we will be heading home Sunday after a morning tour and breakfast. We will need to know by no later than March 20 if you want to attend! So make sure you get in touch with Dan or Jenna to get your spot reserved. There is a minimum age of 5 to attend this event. Hope to see you there.

We have decided that we will be spending a night at the **Colorado Springs Zoo on April 21**. During this fun night we welcome everyone that can attend. We do have some responsibilities that we need to take care of. The cost of this awesome experience will be a mere \$10 deposit per Jr. Leader, Jr. Granger and the Jr. Grangers' immediate family. All juniors that are 9-years-old and younger or any special needs children must have a legal guardian attend with them. For everyone else that wishes to come join the Juniors the cost will be \$60 per person attending.

What is the Super JG Award? The Super JG Award is the highest level of achievement an individual Junior Grange member may obtain. This award is set to prove that the candidate can demonstrate a superior knowledge of the Junior Grange. This award is supervised and administered by the National Junior Grange Director. All candidates are expected to submit a completed application and all required documentation. A special pin and certificate will be presented to each Junior Grange member who meets requirements. The Super JG application and documentation will be displayed at the National Grange Session and those receiving the award will be recognized during the Junior Grange Breakfast.

**All of the following must be submitted/obtained to receive the award.**

1. Must be a JG member for a minimum of two years.
2. Submit a copy of the Super JG written test. A score of 80% or higher is required to pass.

3. Must be able to recite the Junior Grange Pledge and display the Junior Grange Grip.
4. Enter four or more National or State sponsored Junior Grange contests within the past two years.
5. Recruit a new Junior Grange member.
6. Be able to adequately explain procedures used when opening and closing the Grange (opening the Bible, Flag presentation/retiring, and retiring the emblem).
7. Complete a minimum of five merit badges from each category (Grange Adventure, Team Up America, and Discovery Network).
8. Organize a community service project and submit information on the project along with pictures.
9. Submit two letters of recommendations (1. Junior Leader, 2. Educational leader (Teacher, Sunday school teacher, etc).

**Make sure you RSVP by no later than March 20 for the night at the ZOO!!**

## Mandy Project

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### Mandy Project Helps Children With Hearing Loss

Imagine learning that your precious newborn has a hearing loss or learning that your child is struggling in school because of a hearing loss? You'd want to do everything you could for them, but when the average cost starts around \$5,000 and your insurance company tells you that hearing loss expenses are not covered where would you turn? What would you do?

The Colorado State Grange Mandy Project was established in 1998 with a vision of reaching out to non-Grange families and Grange families who have children with a hearing loss. The Colorado State Grange established PICK (People Improving Communities and Kids) a 501c3 organization so that grants could be sought to help with the Mandy Project as well as other Grange departments. One Grange member left a sizeable donation to the project in their will.

Prior to learning of a nine-year old boy's hearing loss, he was having trouble paying attention in school, socializing with other kids his age and listening in general. After multiple attempts from the school to correct his "behavioral" problems, they found out he had a hearing loss at the annual school hearing tests. This boy's hearing loss led to the discovery that other extended family members had also experienced late in life hearing losses. The Colorado State Grange Mandy Project committee reviews applications as received, via e-mail and generally has a recommendation for the family within in two weeks. The funds are awarded directly to the service provider.

Families are required to submit an application and proof of hearing loss, along with estimated costs and their own financial information in order to be considered for funding. Currently the maximum awarded for a child is \$1,000. Recent changes in Colorado laws requiring insurance companies to cover hearing loss has helped a lot of families. Unfortunately, the law doesn't apply to insurance companies in other states.

Most of the families who apply are Colorado residents. The Colorado State Grange Mandy Project has helped a few families that live outside of Colorado.

Parents want to help their children succeed in school. Being able to hear is essential to that success. Children are tested at birth for hearing loss in Colorado. The Mandy Project has helped infants through college age students. The Mandy Project helps families get the needed services which include but are not limited to: hearing aids, speech therapy, insurance on aids, cochlear implants.

Donations to the Mandy Project through PICK are tax deductible.

In 1970 the National Grange adopted DEAF Awareness as a Health project and in 1996 they adopted the Mandy Project for Grange members. In 1993 the three-year-old daughter of Roger and Melanie Bostwick, Mandy was diagnosed with hearing loss. Their experience over two years included many tests and recommendations and being told they did not qualify for financial assistance. The Bostwicks and their extended family recommended to the National Grange that they adopt a project to help Grange families in similar situations.

### Colorado State Grange Website

Officers and Directors, please contact Larry Corman with updates for your departments. Each Grange's web page should be linked to the State Grange site so Grange members and others can access your information.

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## Chaplain's Corner

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Rural folk are familiar with and appreciate beasts of burden. The term first came into usage around 1800 and it refers to animals used for carrying heavy loads or performing other heavy work. There are pack animals, such as donkeys, and draft animals, such as oxen used to pull plows. Beasts of burden are used throughout the world.

Yaks, for instance, are often used at higher altitudes (like Colorado!) and can carry as much as 660 pounds. In fact, the steers can haul up to 860 pounds for a short time. Llamas in similar situations carry about one-fourth their body weight or about 110 pounds. Camels, on the other hand, are used in lower lands, often more arid. Both Bactrian and Dromedary camels can carry about 660 pounds. I think it must be easier to pack between two humps than around only one hump!

We may be more familiar with mules, which the United States Army regulates to carry no more than 20 percent of their body weight for 20 miles per day in the mountains. That equates to about 330 pounds carried by a mule. The country of India, on the other hand, regulates mules to carry no more than 441 pounds, with ponies allowed only 154 pounds. I'm not sure how Santa does it, because reindeer carry only about 88 pounds in the mountains. Apparently in the air and on rooftops the weight is unlimited!

Some other beasts of burden are

dogs (sleds!), water buffalo, goats, elephants, donkeys, horses and people. People? Think Himalayan Sherpas—or think of yourself. About two thousand years ago, a wise man advised, "Bear one another's burdens."

It means more than just carrying someone's groceries. It also means sitting with one who is sorrowing, visiting one who is lonely, loving and accepting the one who is unlovely, taking food to a family with illness or with a newborn, doing whatever we can to lighten the load someone is carrying. Do you know someone caring for a spouse or parent with dementia? Could you carry that burden for a few hours each week? Is there a single parent who could use a sitter or a meal anywhere but home with the kids? Are you willing to be a beast of burden?

As I write this, I am aware of illness among our membership and of loss of loved ones. Our hearts are with Trudie in the death of her spouse and our former State Master John Hagen. May friends provide some respite for you who are grieving, lonely or ill, helping you carry the burdens.

Please remember to send memorial gifts for those who have died to the State Grange office. They go into the Grange Scholarship fund and are well-used and appreciated by recipients.

**Deadline for the May-June 2018 issue is April 15, 2018.**

## Youth News

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### Saturday, June 16

- Breakfast  
6-9 a.m. — Complimentary Full Breakfast  
9-10 a.m. — Prepare lunches  
11 a.m.-4 p.m. — SAND DUNES  
*Let Charlene know if you have a National Parks Pass*  
11 a.m. — Meet at the Visitor Center at the Dunes  
*Junior Ranger Presentation and movie*  
OFF TO THE SAND DUNES TO PLAY IN THE WATER, HIKE TO DUNES  
*Bring your favorite toys for water and sand.*  
5 p.m. — Worship Service in Park Area  
6 p.m. — Dinner in the Park Area  
*As a family/individual bring a skit, poem, song — 5-15 minutes.*  
9 p.m. — "Flashlight HIKE"  
*Dominic and Junior Grangers — Bring flashlight.*  
Sunday, June 17  
6-9 a.m. — Complimentary Full breakfast  
"HOME JAMES!"  
*Thanks for coming!!*

**UPDATE:** Family camp registration will be extended until March 15. See the registration form below.

### 2018 Family Camp Agenda

- Thursday, June 14**  
Alamosa Best Western —  
*Swim, Games, Shop*  
6 p.m. — Dinner  
Bring your own meat to grill and a side dish to share  
**Friday, June 15**  
Breakfast on your own, or  
6-9 a.m. — Complimentary Full Breakfast  
*Swim, Games, Shop, Go Fishing*  
10 a.m.-3 p.m. —  
Visit Colorado Gators Reptile Park  
*17 miles north of Alamosa on Hwy. 17*  
Lunch on your own  
4 p.m. — Meet and Greet at Alamosa Best Western Inn  
*Name tags, etc.*  
6 p.m. — Gather as a group in the "Park (Picnic) Area" for Dinner  
*Picnic tables and benches available. Bring lawn chairs if you choose.*  
*Swim, Games, Sing A Long, "Jam Session," bring your instruments*

## COLORADO STATE GRANGE 2018 FAMILY CAMP "SAND DUNES"

June 15 (Fri) – 17 (Sun) 2018  
All inclusive - Transportation on you!

Adults \$150  
Child 6-12 \$ 25

Come a day early?  
June 14, 2018

Add extra room price of \$125  
Registration due February 1, 2018

Location:

Alamosa Best Western Inn  
2005 Main St, Alamosa, CO 81101 718-589-2567



## COLORADO STATE GRANGE 2018 FAMILY CAMP

We will be attending the 2018 Family Camp in Alamosa,

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Children: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_ Adults @ \$150 ea. For Thursday arrival  
\_\_\_ Child 6-12 @ \$ 75 ea. add \$125 for your room

We will be there June 15 – 17, 2018 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

We will arrive on June 14 - 17, 2018 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ +  
(Include the \$125 for Thursday nights room)

Please Register by February 1, 2018

Questions and registration to: Charlene Porter, Youth Director  
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**La Plata**  
Archuleta and La Plata Counties, CO  
and San Juan County, NM

**Florida**

Contact Elizabeth Hiner, 970-382-1509, tinlizzy56@yahoo.com, for more information.

On January 29, Florida Grange #306 hosted Needham Elementary School fourth grade classes for their fifth annual Ellis Island re-enactment. The kids started out at the school, the old country, and then boarded the bus to the new world. Reaching Ellis Island (the Grange), they disembarked and met the officials of Ellis Island (their teachers along with teachers and student volunteers from Fort Lewis College).

The teachers and college students spoke to the kids in a mix of gibberish and whatever foreign language they know besides English or Spanish. The kids got a real life experience of what it was like for immigrants passing through Ellis Island for a new life in the United States. They presented passports, took verbal tests and had a medical exam.

Some of the kids passed through with no problems, others had to go before the judge and prove they were fit to enter the country and the unlucky few had to return to the old country. The Florida Grange #306 looks forward to having them back next year.

Elizabeth Hiner



Medical.



Ellis Island Re-enactment in January at Florida Grange — Confusion.



Document Examination.



Testing.

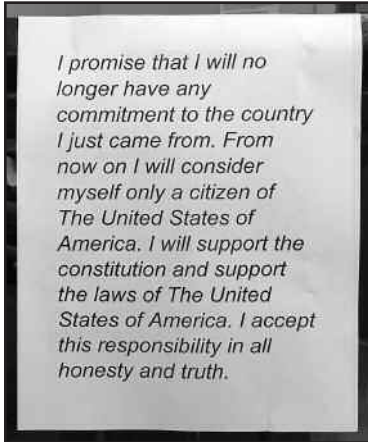


Taking Oath.

**Marvel**

Contact Cindy Greer, 970-588-3386 or herdgreer@frontier.net, for further information.

March 16 — Pollinators program presented by Theodore Creighton.



Oath.

Potluck supper at 6:30 p.m.

March 31 — Free Community Breakfast — 8-10 a.m.

April 6 — Business Meeting — 7:30 p.m. — Program needed.

April 9 — Pomona Meeting — 7:30 p.m. — Marvel hosting refreshments

April 20 — Member Recognition/Grange Month — Honor a community citizen, potluck supper at 6:30 p.m.

May 4 — Business Meeting — 7:30 p.m. — Program: June Spriggs

January 20 was the date of our Annual Chili cook-off and dessert auction. We had 40 in attendance with 10 chili entries. We divided the chili into Red or Green. In the Red Chili Category Rusty Greer placed first, Odin Westgaard placed second and Julian Army placed third. In the Green Chili division, Calvin Story placed first, Moana Greer placed second and Cindy Greer placed third. Each entry paid \$10 which made up the prize money. First place received \$25, second place \$15 and third place \$10. Following the Chili cook-off we auctioned off desserts that individuals had made and donated. We brought in \$1,435.50 from the sale, which we will use to help needy families with their electric bills.

We voted to help with the Fort Lewis Mesa Elementary School Read-A-Thon and donated \$75 for them to purchase prizes. We also voted to donate \$25 to Special Olympics.

The hall was used on January 13 for the Dalton Garrett Benefit. The Hall



Calvin Story, and Pat Story, auctioneers for the Dessert Auction at Marvel Grange that raised \$1,400 to help local families with electric bills.



Junior Grangers make Valentines for Military.

was overflowing with people who came to the chili supper and auction. All together over \$17,000 was raised for the Garrett Family.

The Marvel United Methodist Church used the hall on February 3 for their 50th annual Ground Hog supper. They served nearly 400 people sausage, fried potatoes, coleslaw, homemade rolls, cake and beverages. They brought in a net of \$4,000.

We have new microphone jacks and two outlets on stage front. WE need to work on the threshold and covering wires in the breaker box. We are looking for a USB mixer as the CD player we have is not dependable.

We discussed who our Military members were and the Secretary will be contacting them for information about their service for the website. We currently have four living Veterans and one deceased veteran that we know of.

We passed a resolution from national regarding the dues for E-membership.

Cindy Greer

**Marvel JGs**

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March 13 — Junior Grange Meeting 5 p.m.

January 15, we had 23 seniors attend the lunch we hosted at the Marvel Grange Hall. We served meatloaf, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, bread and peanut butter bars with coffee or water to drink. Seven juniors helped set up, serve, and clean up along with one parent. We had the lunch at 12:30 p.m. Total attendance was 32.

January 23 we made Valentine Cards for Military or Veterans. Our leader sent them to the Brooke Army Medical Center in Houston, Texas, to distribute

to military people who were in the hospital, but we heard the P.O. wouldn't deliver the package. We will send them to the Walter Reed Medical Center in Maryland. 24 cards were sent.

Cindy Greer

**Mt. Allison**

Contact Larry Corman, Larry\_Corman@hotmail.com, or 970-884-4762 for further information.

Upcoming events:

- March 19 — Monthly business meeting — 7 p.m., Grange Hall.
- March 31 — Easter Supper — 5-7 p.m. — Grange Hall
- May 21 — Achievement meeting — 7:30 p.m. — Mt. Allison

We had a great time at the Chili Cook-off and Bunco party at the Grange Hall on February 10. We had a little over 30 in attendance with some great chili and dice rolling. A bake sale also took place, which raised some money for our local community.

The best parts of these events are getting neighbors together for visiting and fellowship. There were lots of laughs and full tummys. Thanks to Yvonne Chapman for spearheading this event.

Our next major event will be the annual Easter Supper. We typically serve over 100 people at this supper. We are also going to have an Easter Play that same night so it should be a fun time. If you haven't been to an Easter Supper (or in a long time), put this on your calendar. I guarantee you will not go away hungry!

We look forward to seeing each of our members at upcoming monthly meetings. As a reminder, we meet every third Monday at 7 p.m. If you have any suggestions for meetings, let Yvonne Chapman, our Lecturer, know.

Stay warm and pray for snow! I finally used my ATV plow this week for the first time all winter.

Larry Corman



A great time at the Chili Cook-off and Bunco party at the Mt. Allison Grange Hall in February. Above: Ready for action. Below: Some of the 30+ attendees.



**Real Estate Management**

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**WINTER WEATHER MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST**

With being in the grasp of old man winter, many Granges have already prepared their buildings and grounds for winter weather. To ensure effective winter weather maintenance and operation throughout the coming months, Granges should be sure to check the items listed below.

**Inspect The HVAC System**

When temperatures fall, the building needs to be kept warm enough to keep people comfortable and contents protected. Buildings are responsible for 39% of total energy use in the United States, and in winter much of the energy costs a building generates are due to heating. This is the time to ensure the HVAC systems are ready to handle the demands during cold months.

The best way to make sure the system is efficient is to hire a contractor familiar with your system to inspect and optimize the system before the coldest months hit. This will protect the facility from unnecessary outages and inflated heating costs.

**Eliminate Wasted Heat**

In addition to checking the heating system, it is prudent to have the facility checked for drafts, leaks, and cracks that can allow heated air to escape the building. Signs of frost around exterior walls, for instance, can mean there is an insulation issue or a draft. Taking care of these will limit wasted energy throughout the cold winter months.

**Check Gas Lines**

In a facility that uses gas heat, if the gas stops flowing to the facility there is no way to heat the building. You

should check the gas lines and gas line connections for signs of corrosion. If they are in need of replacement, have corrosion-free options installed to limit future problems.

**Inspect The Roof**

Roofs take a beating in the winter. Flat roofs need regular inspection and maintenance. Make sure the roof does not have areas where ice or heavy snow will pile up. After the initial inspection, schedule weekly inspection for the entire season, looking for built-up water, ice, or snow that can create problems.

Protecting a slanted roof is similar. Inspect roof vents and shingles and check all of the water-proofing seals on the edges of the roof. It is also prudent to install ice check breakers to protect people coming in and out of your Grange.

**Prepare For Snow Removal**

Is there a snow removal plan in place? Make sure that the person who will tackle this knows exactly what is expected. Keep safety as the first priority to ensure users of the Grange are not at risk even when snow falls. Walkways, first and foremost, must be clear. Also have a planned place to store excess snow that is removed.

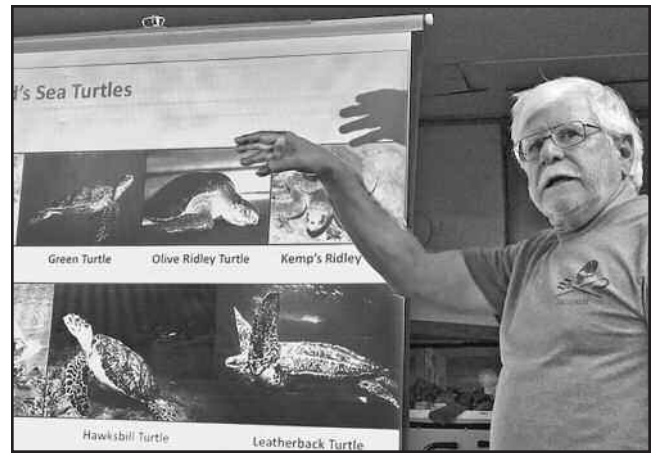
**Clean Entrances**

During snowy weather, people will track in ice and snow. Have absorbent rugs in place to pick up some of this, and ensure regular cleaning of entrances occurs. Wet floors pose a slip-and-fall hazard that is best avoided.

Keeping a Grange hall up and running in winter requires careful thought and planning. With these tips, the Grangers will be well prepared for whatever winter sends our way.



**Enterprise Grangers worked on many community service projects over the holidays filling stockings for seniors, helping families with gifts and food baskets, and personal items for homeless.**



**Ed Talbot talking about his Earthwatch Adventure.**

**Darden**  
Jefferson County

**Contact Idella Lewis, idellamlewis@gmail.com, 303-233-3393, for further information.**

**May 5, 2018 — Darden Pomona meets at Maple Grove Grange 3 p.m. Meeting with election of officers, 4 p.m. Potluck (\*Notice time change to 3 p.m.)**

Darden Pomona Grange met at Wheat Ridge Grange Feb. 3. Cards were signed for several members. "Happy Birthday" was sung to Kathy Wardle and Carol Lackey.

A discussion was held on having a community day in July. More information will follow.

Members were reminded to attend the Ag Day at the Capitol in March.

Marlys Halbeisen reported that gloves, hats, socks and coats were collected in December and distributed to those less fortunate in our community. Eighteen women and 25 children at Shannon's Hope in Arvada received Christmas gifts provided by Darden Pomona.

Charlene and the youth collected 157# of food and gave it to a local food bank where they were also given a tour. The family camp registrations need to be turned in soon.

The program was given by Idella Lewis, encouraging everyone to enter the contest events at the 2018 State Session in Durango in September. It has been proven that learning something new helps keep the brain going, so why not try a new hobby? The rec centers and senior centers have many classes that are offered for you to learn something new. Several hobbies were shown, including making note cards from photographs, an embroidered survivor angel, and quilted hot pad. The evening ended with telling of some Valentine trivia.

Idella Lewis

**Enterprise**

**Contact Mike Lackey, thelackeyteam@gmail.com, 303-521-8773, for further information.**

**March 14, Wednesday, 6:30-8 p.m. St. Patrick's Day Irish Potluck at 6:30 p.m.** Bring something green or something Irish! Irish music will be provided. Business & Planning meeting for Community Service Award and our Community Garden to follow. Projects for the coming year will also be discussed.

**April 7, Saturday, 4-6 p.m. Opening Day at our Common Earth Community Garden located in the empty lot south of the church across from the Enterprise Grange Building.** There will be hot dogs and other opening day fun. This is also the first work day to spread crusher fine around the garden, and compost into the new beds. A load of compost will be brought in for this day.

**April 11, Wednesday, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Community Service Night. Potluck at 6:30 p.m. with the ceremony and entertainment to follow.** We will be honoring Ed Talbot who has traveled the world working with Earthwatch Expeditions to participate in scientific field research helping to promote the understanding and action necessary for a sustainable environment. He does this with his own financing, bringing knowledge, passion and his life experience to this endeavor. The environment is his passion!

**May 9, Wednesday, 6:30-8:30**

**p.m. Cinco de Mayo potluck.** Bring a Mexican themed potluck item. Presentation on gardening. More information to follow.

During our January meeting we started with a potluck at 6:30 p.m. Afterward we held the ceremony "Draping of the Charter" for Andrea Broomhall. Andrea was a beloved 50 year Golden Sheath member and many friends, family and Grange members were in attendance; a wonderful farewell to our member and our friend.

Our Valentine Party and Potluck were held on Valentine's Day! After potluck Ed Talbot gave us a presentation about an Earthwatch Adventure on the leatherback sea turtle. The leatherback sea turtle population in the Pacific, once the stronghold of the species, has declined by over 90% since 1980. Many of the remaining Pacific leatherbacks nest in the sands of Playa Grande, Playa Ventanas, and Playa Langosta on the Pacific coast of Costa Rica. Female leatherbacks dig holes with their flippers and lay about 80 round eggs, a process they'll repeat up to 12 times during the breeding season. In about two months, the fragile hatchlings emerge.

Ed's adventure took place during the laying season. The world is a dangerous place for these tiny turtles and their parents. They're threatened by climate change, boat traffic, fishing gear, and humans harvesting their eggs. Ed joined a group of scientists as a member of the Earthwatch Institute to help figure why the turtles have declined so rapidly and what can be done to stop this decline.

He is considered to be a Citizen Scientist with no real background in science. He goes with his own finances and participates to build his knowledge base on environmental issues. In this expedition, he walked the beaches at night when turtles are active, getting up close to attach transmitters that track their movements. He went out at around 11p.m. each night and was finished by 7 a.m.

He also helped relocate eggs from nests placed in dangerous spots, where the waves might wash them away, to a hatchery. He spent 10 days with this group doing exhausting but exhilarating work. We wish to thank Ed for his presentation, his time and the interesting information he left us with. Thank you, Ed. And thank you to all who attended.

We worked on many community service projects for the holidays. We filled 125 stockings this year for our senior stocking project. We helped a family of nine and a family of three that were having an especially hard time this year. We were able to give each person a gift and a huge food basket for the families.



**The Pleasant Park Grange co-sponsored a Meet and Greet Your Neighbors with the Pleasant Park Neighborhood Association in February.**

The Irving Street Women's Residence is a residential and support program designed to serve chronically homeless who are disabled or experience mental health issues. The facility houses 25 women in 15 sleeping rooms and there is no maximum length of stay. We put together small boxes of personal items for each of them also. We could have never accomplished so much without the support of so many of you. Thank you so much for all the time, effort and donated items you so generously shared with us.

Mike Lackey

**Maple Grove**

**Contact Idella Lewis, idellamlewis@gmail.com, 303-233-3393, for further information.**

**Saturday, April 21 — Annual Youth Benefit Breakfast 9-11 a.m. at Maple Grove Grange.** Pancakes and burritos and all the trimmings. Donations accepted for the youth department Everyone welcome!

Welcome to our new members, Ed and Beth Adams and Bob and Mary Ann Forman.

Congratulations to Robert Lewis who is now a Golden Sheaf member with 50 years membership in Maple Grove Grange. He was active in Junior Grange and served as Master, and went on to become active in the Grange Youth. Now he lives in Lingle, Wyoming, and even though he cannot attend our meetings, he is still supportive of the Grange and everything it has to offer.

The Scouts who meet in our building have been picking up trash that seems to accumulate around the grounds. We appreciate the help and hope it will be ongoing!

A backflow preventer will be installed at the Grange to prevent contamination of water. Consolidated Mutual Water will oversee the installation.

Several members attended the Ag Day at the Capitol in March. It is always a fun way to support agriculture in Colorado. The food prepared using Colorado products is outstanding! Support Colorado Agriculture!

At the February meeting, Marlys Halbeisen gave a presentation on the ritual of the Grange for the new members. She told of the duties of each office, and showed some of the symbols that are used. In November a presentation was given on the origins of the Grange. This was done to help our new members understand the way we do things in the Grange.

**IN MEMORIAM**  
**Dean Jessop**

We will miss having Dean Jessop at our Maple Grove Grange meetings. He passed away in January and was a member for over 25 years. For most

of those years he did the maintenance at the Grange hall and was active in Darden Pomona and Colorado State Grange in addition to Maple Grove.

Idella Lewis

**Wheat Ridge**

**Contact Charlene Porter, charspino@hotmail.com, 720-434-7161, for further information.**

**March 22 — Talent show — everyone is welcome come enjoy come show us your talent.**

**April 21 — Junior Grange and youth fundraiser dinner.**

**6:30 p.m. the second Thursday — regular meetings.**

**6:30 p.m. the fourth Thursday for a social meeting some special events maybe on a Saturday.**

**Noon potluck second Monday game day.**

**Third Wednesday casino fundraiser.**

**Check out our Facebook page!**  
Charlene Porter

**Pleasant Park**

**Contact Yvonne Ludwig, Master, 303-838-4805, for information.**

**March 10 — Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed by Potluck Lunch.**

**April 14 — Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed by Annual Chili Dinner.**

**May 12 — Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed by Potluck Lunch.**

Joan Usher is back home and doing well after suffering from a broken hip and Betty Long is home and still doing well. Prayers do wonders!

On February 10 we co-sponsored a Meet and Greet Your Neighbors with the Pleasant Park Neighborhood Association. There are so many new families in our area and several showed up even though it snowed right as the event began. Two firefighters came from the Elk Creek Fire Department and gave a talk on fire mitigation, slash burning and chipping. It was very educational and helpful for newcomers to the area. Hopefully we will get a couple of new members from the gathering.

The Bicycle Rest Stop will open sometime in April depending on the weather. We hope for another successful year.

Our annual Chili Dinner will be held on April 14 after the regular meeting. Everyone is invited to attend. It is our way of promoting National Grange month.

Keep November 10 open! Abe Lincoln and his wife Mary will be our guest speakers after the Thanksgiving Dinner. They will speak about 1 p.m. if you don't want to come for the meal. Everyone is invited to attend and RSVPs are needed. The Thanksgiving Dinner is now taking the place

of the Pomona Picnic.

Everyone is invited to come and join us at any of our meetings! Our Lecturer has more interesting speakers scheduled.



**IN MEMORIAM**

**Jean Kuehster**

**July 31, 1927-February 26, 2018**  
Jean Douglas Kuehster, 90, entered into eternal peace on February 26, 2018. Jean was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and a great-grandmother. She was above all a devoted Christian that set an example for us all. She died at her Castle Rock home of 62 years surrounded by her family.

Jean was a career professional elementary school teacher who started teaching in Denver and had 22 years of teaching in Castle Rock. Jean was born in Boulder, Colorado, on July 31, 1927, to Earl and Vonda Douglas (Sample). She graduated from Englewood High School and received her Bachelor's Degree in Education from CU and later in her career received a Master's Degree at Denver University. Jean will be missed by so many. She was a very sweet, kind, beautiful lady.

Jean is survived by her loving husband, Robert D. Kuehster who had a TV and appliance repair shop in Castle Rock for 38 years, three children Richard (Susan) Kuehster, Steve (Mary) Kuehster, Luann (Mike) Goodnow, grandchildren Lindsay Kuehster, Lauren Kuehster (Luke Gibbons), Louise Kuehster, Wyatt Kuehster, Heather (Scott) Hermanson, Chrissy (Rich) Collins, Joe (Alex) Goodnow, and seven great grandchildren.

Memorial Service was held on March 3 at Creekside Bible Church, Castle Rock, CO; burial and graveside service was held March 5 at Pleasant Park Cemetery in Conifer. Memorial contributions may be made in honor of Jean to the Colorado State Grange, 2009 County Road 31, Florissant, CO 80816.

Cards can be sent to Bob Kuehster at: 322 Gilbert St., Castle Rock, CO 80104.

Yvonne Ludwig



**Volunteering at the Father-Daughter Tea at a local church.**



Seventy-two in attendance at Canyon History Night at Golden Gate.

**Golden Gate**

Contact Master Rich Phillips, 303-277-1933, or Jayne Ruesch, 303-215-9257, for further information.

**Grange Meeting — March 1 from 3 to 4 p.m.**

**Pancake Breakfast — March 11 from 8 to 10:30 a.m.**

**Canyon Chili Cook Off — March 24 from 5 to 7 p.m.**

**Eggmania — March 31 from 1 to 3 p.m.**

**Grange Meeting — April 5 from 3 to 4 p.m.**

**Pancake Breakfast — April 8 from 8 to 10:30 a.m.**

**Grange Meeting — May 3 from 3 to 4 p.m.**

**Pancake Breakfast — May 13 from 8 to 10:30 a.m.**

**Annual Rummage and Bake Sale — June 8 and 9 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

**Mondays at 1:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 5 p.m. — Yoga.**

Pancake Breakfasts are held on the second Sunday of each month. Pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice and coffee will be served. The cost is \$5 for adults, \$2 for kids under 12 and free for kids under 3. We always can use extra hands to help out. Call Janet or Dave Primmer at 303 239-6789 if you would like to help cook or clean up.

Canyon History Night was a great success with 72 people in attendance. Thanks to our speakers Mary Ramstetter and Dave Thomas for an informative and entertaining program. We hope to have another Canyon History Night later in the year.

Rich and Elle Phillips hosted a Valentine Dance featuring live music

**Pikes Peak**  
El Paso and Teller Counties

**Florissant**

Contact Ed Oppermann, 719-748-5559, florissantgrange@gmail.com, for further information.

**BE SURE TO JOIN US FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS:**  
March 10, 12-3 p.m.: Pine Needle Basket making class.

March 24, 1-3 p.m.: Children's Easter Party.

April 14, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.: Spring Craft Fair.

April 28, 12-3 p.m.: Celebrate Grange Month, Contests, silent auction & more!

Friday night, Jan. 26, the Florissant Grange Hall was host to a beach party. Pretty neat for a land locked community! Instrumental music from the '60s was provided by the band Kon Tiki, and boy, what a great show they put on. Tunes from The Ventures, Beach Boys, Jan & Dean etc. were enjoyed by all present. Dinner was served by some of our members to a sellout crowd and many compliments were given to the musicians and the cooks.

The old school house was very festive looking with flowers, coconuts and other "beachy" decorations. Member Don Moore even brought his surf board in to complete the effect! Thank you to the "boys in the band" for making this fundraiser so successful. We hope to do more of these dinner/concerts in future.

Saturday, Feb. 10, Renee Caldwell held another successful Pine Needle Basket class. There seems to be a growing interest in this craft of mak-



Pine Needle Basket class.



Kon Tiki performs at Florissant Grange's beach party in January!



Florissant Grange members served dinner to the sell-out crowd.

ing a "nice-ance" out of a nuisance and we hope Renee's fingers can hold out to keep teaching the participants. Please see our "upcoming events" for the next scheduled class. I still can't believe they make such great things out of pine needles!

Sunday, Feb. 11, we held our pre-Valentines Brunch. We experimented with different hours this year and the folks that were there seemed to have a great time. Good food and good conversation was the agenda for the day and nobody went away hungry!

Monday, Feb. 12, after our monthly Grange meeting, our local Sheriff gave a presentation on a growing concern in our area, that of illegal marijuana growers. This event was spearheaded by members Don and Toni Moore. A large crowd was on hand for the event. Here's is what Don wrote up after the event:

"The Information/Educational Session held at the Florissant Grange on Monday evening, February 12, 2018, titled — Marijuana in Teller County; was very well attended. Approximately 80 individuals were in attendance to listen to Sheriff Mikesell and the Teller County Sheriff's Office present information on the marijuana laws and the activity of the Teller County Sheriff's Office specific to marijuana in Teller County. The attendees were very interested and asked several questions during the approximately two hour presentation."

Well, that's what's been going on in Florissant these past two cold winter months. As always, you are more than welcome to come to our potluck every Wednesday evening starting at 6 p.m. Music from about 6:30 p.m. to... whenever we quit playing.

Ed Oppermann



Valentines Brunch at Florissant Grange.

**Progressive**  
Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas & Elbert Counties

**Grandview**

Contact Teresa Montejano, 303-408-7389 or teresamontejano@hotmail.com, for further information.

April 21 — 7 a.m. — Pancake Breakfast

June 2 — 7 a.m. — Garage Sale

Grandview Grange members met for the first time this year in February for their regular business meeting. The January meeting had been cancelled because of work by the public works department on the water lines outside our building.

Members had many ideas they wanted to add to the calendar for the rest of the year. April we will be doing a pancake breakfast for the community. A little later we will be having garage sales and a special project to make money for the Mandy Project. We talked about having a singles/speed dating evening with food and music so we may give that a try. We were excited the plans included a chili cook off and country line dancing evening this fall and hope to involve some neighboring Granges in some of our events. So we plan to busy this year with activities and encouraging the members and community to be involved.

Other discussion included the information of renters using and how it is a benefit for the organizations and dance groups who use the hall. We talked about how to encourage more of the community to use the hall for parties. The members enjoyed a pizza eating feast along with a lot of good conversation.

Jeanne Davies



Castlewood Grangers enjoying the National Western Stock Show.

**Castlewood**

Contact Lecturer Joan Hill, 303-648-3103 or Secretary Joyce Mountain, 303-756-0937, for further information.

We visited the Colorado State Legislature on February 22 to sit in on a legislative session and to meet our State representatives. We learned about how the legislature operates and some of the bills our representatives are presenting and supporting.

Several members enjoyed our outing to the National Western Stock Show in January. We enjoyed the animals, learning about sheep shearing and about food production through the excellent CSU food



exhibit.

We are actively working to update our bylaws and to develop a wifi presence. We will have more food related outings in April and May as well as having a clean up day.

Joyce Mountain

**Ute Mountain**

Dolores and Montezuma Counties

**Mount Lookout**

Contact Carol van der Harten, 5hearts@q.com or 970-533-9955, for further information.

Business meetings: March 22, 5:30 p.m.; April 26, 5:30 p.m.

Community suppers: March 11, 6 p.m.; April 8, 6 p.m.

At Mount Lookout Grange, January represents not only planning for the new year's anticipated activities, but our yearly celebration which brings the community together for breakfast to celebrate the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. Through individual donations and a small local grant, we are able to host a bountiful breakfast with the help of Grange members and Americorps volunteers.

For two to three hours on January 15 there was a steady stream of hungry community members who came to mark this significant annual event. We were delighted to have, as special guests this year, 35 first graders from Mancos elementary school join in our festivities. In honor of

"I have a Dream," inspirational and poignant dreams written by these students, were read to the attendees. Mount Lookout Grange was thrilled to have our State Master Cindy Greer in attendance as well.

The Grange Hall is proud to provide the space for our community pantry, operated by Mancos Food-Share. Upwards of 32 community members participated in the January monthly commodities distribution, and weekly pantry distributions are also well attended. A six week long series of cooking classes is available for participants as well, using our commercial kitchen.

Carol van der Harten



Mount Lookout hosted a Bountiful Breakfast for the community in January.



**Left Hand**

Contact Bruce Johnson, 720-301-6367 or johnson.blj71@gmail.com for further information.

**Business Meetings at 6 p.m. — March 14, April 11, May 9.**

**Music Open Stage** - Our monthly Sunday music Open Stage was held on February 11. We had nine performers and a total of 30 people in attendance. Future dates are March 11 and April 15, before we take a break until October. Sign-up for performers is 1:15 p.m., and music is performed from 1:30-3:30 p.m. All types of acoustic music are welcome: folk, country, bluegrass, blues, jazz, pop, light rock, classical. Performers and listeners are welcome, and refreshments are provided by the Grange.



Nine performers entertained at the February Music Open Stage.

The event is free and hosted by Bruce and Marcia Johnson. Please contact Bruce for more information at 720-301-6367.

**Publicity** — Left Hand Grange #9 was featured in a cover story in the January 10, 2018 edition of the *Left Hand Valley Courier*, the local weekly newspaper for Niwot and the surrounding area. The title of the article, written by reporter Vicky Dorvee was "Left Hand Grange Seeks Stronger Member Participation." The article discusses the history and role that the Grange Hall plays as a community center for the town, and has helped us get the word out to people in Niwot who are not yet familiar with the Grange. Currently we are focusing both on attracting new members, but also encouraging existing members to become more active in helping us keep the Grange as a vibrant, valued part of the Niwot community.

Bruce Johnson

**Officers And Training Meetings Scheduled**

These meetings will be held via ZOOM. You can attend from the convenience of your own home via your telephone or home computer provided you have Internet service. We'd like to encourage Officers and Chairmen to join the meetings for their respective office or duty. Any interested member may join the meetings. Following are dates and instructions.

- The meetings will include an overview of the duties of each committee or office.
- Information that Directors or State officers feel is important.
- Time for Questions to be answered.
- Time to share some of your project ideas.
- The Conference will last for a maximum of one hour.

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**March 17 (Saturday) at 10 a.m. Secretaries Conference**

Join from PC, Mas, Linux, IOS or Android: <http://zoom.usi/975757327> Or I phone one-tap: US: +1-669-900-6833, 975757327# OR 1-408-638-0968, 975757327#.

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**April 19 (Thursday) 7 p.m.**

**Community Service Conference and Master's Conference at 7:45 p.m.**

Join from PC, Mas, Linux, IOS or Android: <http://zoom.usi/576604344> Or I phone one-tap: US: +1-669-900-6833, 576604344# Or 1-408-638-0968, 576604344#.

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**April 24 (Monday) 6 p.m. Family and Women's Activity Conference and Lecturers Conference at 7 p.m.** (See Below)

Join from PC, Mas, Linux, IOS or Android: <http://zoom.usi/190551628> Or I phone one-tap: US: +1-669-900-6833, 190551628# Or 1-408-638-0968, 190551628#.

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**Granger Deadline And Guidelines**

April 15, 2018, is the deadline for articles for the May-June 2018 edition of *The Colorado Granger*. You can send them to the State Grange Office, 2009 CR 31, Florissant, CO 80816 or email [costategrange@gmail.com](mailto:costategrange@gmail.com).

We would appreciate your following these guidelines when writing an article.

- Name of Grange
- Contact person (with a phone number)
- Upcoming dates
- Brief summary of what has been hap-

pening at your Grange — DO NOT SEND MINUTES

Community Service Projects  
In Memoriam (Grangers who have passed away)

Thinking of You  
(Grangers who are sick and shut in — include address if they would enjoy cards)

Hats Off (Grangers to be recognized)  
You're Invited (activities open to non-members and visiting Grangers)

**Grange Youth Focus Areas Contest**

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- group. All group entry members must be in the same age division.
- 6) Display should be no larger than 3' x 4' and should be able to stand by itself.
- 7) Displays will be judged on content, organization, originality and neatness.
- 8.) Grange member will be responsible for shipping arrangements of display to and from National Grange meeting.

**Folding Display Contest Evaluation Sheet**

**CONTENT:** 30 Points — Is the theme well defined? Accurate and appropriate information. Use of Materials.

**ORGANIZATION:** 30 Points — Arranged in such a way that theme portrayed can be followed easily and logically?

**NEATNESS:** 25 Points — Picture and clippings securely fastened? Captions neatly written? Display sturdy, durable, and attractive?

**ORIGINALITY:** 15 Points — Creativity.

Check out the Youth department at [www.nationalgrangeyouth.org](http://www.nationalgrangeyouth.org).

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**Wanted: Deputies To The State Master**

**What are the duties of a deputy?**

- To visit Granges in their area.
- Report to the State Master on each Grange visited.
- Be willing to assist a Grange with Ritual or other reasonable requests.
- Promote Grange membership and programs.
- Assist at State Session as needed if able to attend.
- Be willing and able to participate in Zoom Training meetings via computer or phone.

**What are the benefits?**

- Mileage is covered by the State Grange for visiting local Granges at the rate of .35 per mile. Must submit an expense report with the report on the Grange visited.
- Representing the State Master when he/she is unable to attend.
- If interested and able to fulfill the requirements please contact the State Master, Cindy Greer at 970-588-3386 or 970-749-8108 or [hcrdgreer@frontier.net](mailto:hcrdgreer@frontier.net).*



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