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Save The Dates

Sept. 29-Oct. 1 For State Session

The State Grange Convention will be at Castlewood Grange and the State Grange Office in Centennial. All meetings will be at the Grange Hall.

MOTEL INFORMATION: Arrangements have been made with Days Inn Englewood Motel. It is about 1-1/2 miles from the Grange Hall. They are offering a special rate of \$79 plus tax per night. All rooms have a sofa sleeper, refrigerator, microwave, coffee maker, hair dryer, iron, and free WIFI. Laundry facilities are also available. The motel serves a Continental Breakfast from 6:30-9:30 a.m. of Danish, muffins, toast and bagels, cereal, fruit, juice and coffee.

Each person is to call to make their own reservations at 303-768-9300 but be sure to ask for the Convention Rate for the Colorado State Grange. More State Session information to come in the next Granger.

Annual Conference Focuses On Food Safety

Keeping food safe is the central theme of the annual Rocky Mountain Food Safety Conference, which will be May 24-25, 2016, at Johnson & Wales University in Denver.

The conference brings together professionals from the food industry and the food safety community, providing an opportunity for updates, networking, and new ideas. National and local experts present information and views on current issues, problems, and developments, and conference participants gain an updated, broader view of the field and their role in securing and protecting a safe food supply.

"We are excited to be part of this

conference," said Wendy White, marketing specialist for the Colorado Department of Agriculture. "Food safety is an important issue for growers, food manufacturers, retailers, restaurants and consumers, and we hope the information presented will benefit everyone in the food system."

This year's conference agenda will feature information about the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA), foodborne illness trends, produce safety, liability, allergens and communications. The keynote speaker is Lauren Bush, food safety advocate, who will talk about her experience surviving pathogenic E. coli.

In addition to the two-day Confer-

ence, preconference workshops on May 23 are also available with full day sessions on Seafood HACCP, Writing and Reviewing a HACCP Plan, and Fundamentals of Food Product Success & GMP 101. The Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment and the Colorado Department of Agriculture are partnering to present the Fundamentals of Food Product Success & GMP 101 preconference workshop. This two-part full day workshop will begin by offering food-focused businesses an overview of sales techniques and tips; developing costs, margins and pricing for manufactured food products; and marketing insights. The new State Regulatory Program for Manufactured Foods will then provide an overview of the current Good Manufacturing Practices as they relate to Colorado Wholesale Food Regulations. Items discussed will include sanitation, hygiene and employee practices.

Undergraduate and graduate students interested in including food safety into their current and future career paths are encouraged to apply for the Lydia P. Cole Memorial Scholarship, which will be presented during the conference. The \$1,500 scholarship is open to students attending school in Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, Kansas and New Mexico. Applications are due by May 2, 2016.

The Rocky Mountain Food Safety Conference and preconference workshops will be held at Johnson & Wales University, 7150 E. Montview Blvd., Denver, CO 80220. For the first time, the conference is offering a discounted rate to new small business owners. For more information and to register, visit www.rmfoodsafety.org.

Grangers Attend Ag Day At The State Capitol



Colorado State Grange Master Cindy Greer and State Secretary Renee Caldwell at Ag Day at the Capitol.

Agriculture Report

by David H. McCord, Co-Director

My thanks to the Grangers who attended this year's "Ag Day at the Capitol." A footnote, using our small carts, I and other Ag Council members assisted chefs at the Capitol's south entrance to convey their prepared food out of their vehicles and into the Capitol building. A large SUV, typical of the chef vehicles, drove up to the steps and the driver, could have been a chef, emerged. I asked if he needed help. "No." It became clear the driver was not a chef but was the Governor's



State Representative J. Paul Brown, Ignacio, visiting with attendees.

chauffeur and security. I said "good morning" to Gov. Hickenlooper as he walked up the steps.

The Colorado Department of Agriculture has posted a job announcement for a Division Director position to focus the Division's efforts on coordinating, collaborating and cooperating with federal and state agencies in order to develop and implement positive relationships with Colorado farmers and ranchers particularly in public land use and range management. The Division also assists private landowners in conservation practices.



Colorado Commissioner of Agriculture Don Brown speaking.

There are concerns about federal land managers and how grazing leases and other issues are administered reflecting misinterpretation of lease agreements and errors in understanding livestock management. This position should help minimize those conflicts. There is also a high level of cooperation by federal, state, and private interests in resolving issues such as the threat of severe federal land management limits should certain sage grouse habitat be further protected.

The Colorado Department of Agriculture has launched a program to



Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper addressing the crowd.

certify industrial hemp seed aimed at bringing industrial hemp into mainstream agriculture. Seed produced and conditioned under this program will be issued "CDA Approved Certified Seed" tags through the Colorado Seed Growers Association if production standards are met and then will be available for purchase through the (Continued on Page 2)

Colorado Student Wins GIA Scholarship

Grange Insurance Association is pleased to announce that Faithe Mullins of Alamosa, Colorado, 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, 28 scholarships were awarded this year among the 53 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 when all the applicants are so highly qualified. An announcement will be made in the late fall regarding

the program for the following year, and we encourage you to watch this paper for information on the application process for next year's program. 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.

Important Dates

The following are dates of STATE AND POMONA activities that we have received in the State Office. If there are others, please let us know so we can add them to the list.

GENERAL ACTIVITIES

May 28	Florissant Grange Dinner Concert — Guest Star Kristyn Harris, WMA Female Performer for 2013 & 2014. Dinner at 6 p.m.
June 11	Darden Pomona Picnic at Pleasant Park Grange in Conifer. 12 p.m.
June 17-19	Great Plains Regional Leadership Conference Tulsa, Oklahoma
July 9	Golden Gate Grange Beatles Tribute Night Concert
July 22-24	Colorado State Grange Family Camp Hermit Basin, Colorado
July 30	Florissant Grange Heritage Day Celebration 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.



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Master's Message

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I hope that every single Grange did something to celebrate Grange Month! National Grange has produced a video called *Rural Free Delivery*. It is available on YouTube. You can access it from the National Grange Web site under the News/Resources Tab in the Grange month packet information. The video would be good any time of year. I also found a video produced by the Smithsonian Institute on RFD that was also very interesting and did give the Grange credit for its desire to see the rural people serviced.

At the Masters Conference in Orlando, we learned about the Goals of the National Master along with information about contests and opportunities. One thing of great interest is a PBS Spotlight on video. This is a great opportunity for the Grange. Grange Advocacy has pledged \$10,000 and Potomac Grange pledged \$10,000. National is hoping to get some funding from the Grange Foundation but if State Granges, Subordinate or Pomona Grangers, or you personally would like to contribute they would be happy to receive donations. The video will be aired over a three-month period around 500 times. National Grange does have control over the content of the video.

Harry and I attended the GIA meeting in Seattle. This was the worst year for Catastrophes for GIA. They have sent out 1,400 non-renewal of policy notices and plan to send out 2,800 more mostly to those in high wild fire danger areas. They have made changes to the Auto policy program. They had an election of one director (Art Peterson from WA) affirmed.

I did finally make it to Ag Day at the Capitol and caught up with a few Grangers. Thank you to all who made the effort to give the Grange an appearance.

The Farm Service Agency has an exciting new opportunity to enhance service to Agricultural communities. It's called *Bridges to Opportunity*. The overall goal is to establish a process to connect customers with partner organizations, and the resources and services they offer. Their vision is to establish a referral process that allows FSA employees to provide customers with greater access to agricultural resources that will help them be successful. This seems to be a good resource for farmers and ranchers in need.

National Grange News: Lifeline Telephone Reform Harmful

The Lifeline Program is a federal initiative that provides discounted low volume landline or wireless phone service to low income households. The National Grange is strongly urging the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to rethink and revise a reform proposal that would eliminate wireless Lifeline telephone service. The FCC proposal would shift the federal Lifeline program to broadband. The problem is that half of those living in rural areas either do not have broadband available or can't access broadband at speeds high enough for timely transmission in an emergency. That fact is not expected to change much in the foreseeable future. National Grange President Betsy Huber wrote FCC Secretary Dorth explaining this real-world disconnect and urged the FCC to revise the proposal to allow for continued Lifeline wireless phone use. Huber also penned op-eds that were picked up in the *Washington Times*, *Agri-Pulse* (the nation's most read daily food and ag e-newsletter) and *Morning Consult* (a daily e-newsletter for the corporate and business world).

Agriculture Report

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early hemp seeds allowed in Colorado were severely contaminated with non-seed materials.

Below are bills related to agriculture from the current Legislative Session.

• **HB16-1220, Black Bear hunting, WILLET & VIGIL**, intent was to further control human bear conflicts via hunting. Died in committee, Dems dominating. Would have changed legal start date to August 2

from September 2 if Parks and Wildlife allowed. House Speaker Dickie Lee Hulinghorst may have been involved with the approved referral of 1993 to preclude spring bear hunts, preclude use of baits and dogs, and set the September beginning. Colorado's bear population has grown to between 17,000 and 20,000 and there are costly and fatal conflicts with livestock and humans.

• **House Bill 16-1226, "Agricultural Innovation Grants"** YOUNG & ARNDT—GRANTHAM. Ag Committee amended to Appropriations. Would create agricultural grant and



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A Positive Point Of View

Not only do I still smell Spring in the Air... I feel it too and I see it. robins, hummingbirds, blue birds, ducks, geese, groundhogs, squirrels, elk and bears are back. I personally love the bears and it is great to see them and all the other critters again. Here in Florissant, we are still getting threats of snow though and I am anxious for

the snow to go away.

Thank you all for your speedy return of the Property Exempt Tax forms. It is so important to get those back to me, or if you have a fee to pay, directly to the State so that you do not lose your Exempt Status. If you have not returned yours, please do so right away.

The Executive Committee held an-

unknown

— In Memoriam —

Claudine Stamm

Claudine Stamm was born to Claude and Christiana Grimes on May 15, 1932, in Covert, Kansas, and passed away March 29, 2016 at Collier Hospice Care in Wheatridge, Colorado. Celebration of Life service was held at Aspen Mortuary, in Arvada, Colorado, April 6, 2016.

When she was five-years-old the family moved to Boulder, Colorado, where she spent her childhood. She remembers babysitting for 35 cents an hour as a teenager, and working in a local restaurant waiting tables. Her senior year of high school she trained as a telephone operator with Mountain Bell Telephone Company. After graduation from Boulder High School, she continued working for the phone company in their Boulder, Phoenix, and Denver offices. While the family lived in Boulder they joined the Pleasant View Grange, with many fond memories of Grange activities, picnics, dances, dinners, and lifetime friends.

Claudine treasured the childhood memories of her two boys, Tim and Terry. She married Don in 1969 and they settled in Arvada, Colorado, where they raised their blended fam-



Claudine receiving from the State Master 65th year pin and Past Masters pin from Pleasant View Grange.

ily of five children. She worked as a medical transcriber at Lutheran Medical Center and maintained a friendship with the "girls" over the years.

Claudine was involved in the Grange for 65 years, and enjoyed the many friendships she had in the Grange. She held many offices in the Grange; she was Past Master of Pleasant View Grange, held offices in Boulder County Pomona and she was Flora for Colorado State Grange. Claudine

other meeting April 2 at the Florissant Grange. It was great to have such a productive meeting. We discussed everything from the bank accounts and budgets to the peril of the Grange Museum. A lot of good vibes were passed around and we really had our thinking caps on.

Plans are in the works for the 2016 State Session being held at the Castlewood Grange Hall, so mark your calendars and join us September 29, 30 and Oct. 1. It will be a great session.

Let's end on a positive thought: *Ability is what you are capable of doing. Motivation determines what you do. Attitude determines how well you do it.*

and Don also were Assistant and Lady Assistant Stewards for the State Grange. They held many fun picnics for Pleasant View at their home.

Claudine and Don became independent agents for the Grange Insurance Association, and had two agencies, one in their home in Arvada, and one in Longmont.

After their retirement they enjoyed traveling to see the sights and visiting with friends and family. They took many road trips with family and their good friends Terry and Joan Miller. Vacations in Hawaii and Cozumel were a highlight of their travels.

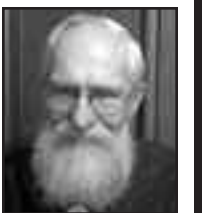
Claudine took great pride in her and family, and was well known for her love of patio parties and marathon Christmas Eve celebrations with the family.

Claudine is survived by her son, Tim (Terri) Cooper, sister, Patsy (Steven) Atkinson, son, Larry (Lucy) Stamm, and daughter, Linda (Don) Larson. She enjoyed her eleven grandchildren and was blessed by nine great grandchildren.

Claudine was preceded in death by her husband of 40 years, Don; brother, Keith; daughter, Karen; and son, Terry.

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Grangers, have you asked someone to join Grange? If not, why not? If you are like me, I am afraid they may say no! How do we get over the fear of rejection? Let's celebrate the "ask." Michael Martin, past membership director for the National Grange, traveled around the country and often asked people why they were not Grangers. The number one response was, "Nobody asked me to join." There may be many reasons someone will not be able or ready to join, but if we do not ask we will not know if they are interested in becoming a member.

This year the membership program handbook includes a "Celebrate the Ask" program. I am hopeful that Granges will encourage their members to simply ask someone to join Grange.

How do Granges do that? Let me give an example. At Marvel Grange, for the literary program, I gave out cards to each member that said "I will remember to ask _____ to become a member of Grange." They were to fill in the blank with the name of someone to ask, then take the card home and put it on the fridge or some place that would remind them to ask. The following meeting I gave each person who asked someone a gift, in this case a bag of "M&Ms" (Membership Matters) and we celebrated the "Ask" to join no matter what the response.

Granges that do a "Celebrate the Ask" program and send me a short report of what they did will receive recognition at our State Grange annual meeting. I'm looking forward to

seeing what your Grange does to "Celebrate the Ask." I have a list of 100 ways to recruit new members. Number one on the list is "Ask Someone." Thank you for asking someone to join Grange.

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Claudia's Corner



by Claudia the Skunk from the National Grange Herd

What traditions do you value in your family? The dictionary defines tradition as the handing down of statements, beliefs, legends, customs, information, etc., from generation to generation, especially by word of mouth or by practice: a story that has come down to us by popular tradition. Other words that describe tradition are: ritual, practice, institution, habit, convention, belief, and folklore.

When my grandparents were alive it was our tradition to have Christmas Eve with one set of Grandparents and Christmas Day with the other set of grandparents every year, alternating the next year. That is a tradition that has died in our family.

The Grange ritual is a tradition. It's a tradition that isn't always followed at the local level. It's a tradition that I feel is one that helps the Grange identify who we are as well as conducting business in a timely manner. I realize that many people don't like the ritual, they feel that it's too restrictive – and to those who like to get off of the topic it is restrictive. To those who value their time and yours, the ritual, in essence, saves time even though it takes a only a few minutes to open and close. The new revised opening and closing ceremony takes less time than the older versions.

When referring to initiating new members the Grange really has no reason to be referred to as a "Secret" organization. The initiation ceremony gives members information that they need to know when attending traditional meetings and should and could be referred to as "Private" initiation.

Claudia's Grange Tradition Achievement Award

Claudia, the skunk, is a stinker for Tradition. Claudia will award any Grange who completes some of the following Traditions this coming year with a special certificate. The Grange achieving more than one seal will be in a drawing for \$50. Proof must be submitted by September 3.

Sapphire Seal

Have an individual score a business meeting opened and closed with the Grange Ritual using the score sheet provided by the CSG, return score sheet to State Master.

Silver Seal

Exemplify one of the first four degrees in full form or read through one degree with new members in attendance. Submit a letter/e-mail stating the date this took place and send it to the State Master.

OR

Drape the charter at one of your meetings. Submit a letter/e-mail stating the date this took place and send it to the State Master.

OR

Have your officers Installed using the Ritual (New or Traditional). Installation ceremony may be performed by one of your members or you can contact one of the State Deputies or State officers to help you. Submit a letter/e-mail stating the date this took place and send it to the State Master.

Gold Seal

National Grange has developed an alternate opening and closing ceremony. Use this opening at one of your meetings. And Initiate new members utilizing the official Obligation Ceremony or the Welcoming Ceremony from the 2013 Subordinate Grange Manual. Submit a letter/e-mail stating the date this took place and send it to the State Master.

Plan Ahead To Attend The 2016 State Session In Centennial September 29-October 1!

Lecturer's Creative And Performing Arts

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Most of us get a creative urge once in a while and the State Grange Lecturer Contests are an ideal forum for displaying your creative work and receiving recognition for your talent. Grangers and non-Grangers sponsored by a Grange may enter. Subordinate Lecturers or Masters will know how to get your entry to the State Grange Convention for participation. The entries must be turned in to session Thursday morning, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Below is a listing of the contests:

Fine Art

- 1. Painting
- 2. Drawing
- 3. Computer Art/Collage

Hobby Corner

- 1. Holiday Items
- 2. Jewelry
- 3. Miscellaneous
- 4. Individual Scrapbooks
- 5. Special Gifts

Photography

(Please do not frame photos but

mount them or place them in a photo mat. Size limitations are: no smaller than 4" x 4" or larger than 11" x 14".)

- 1. Landscapes and Seascapes
- 2. People
- 3. Animals and Other Creatures
- 4. Photo Collage or Story

With Pen In Hand

(Entries must be typed and double spaced)

- 1. Short Story or Essay
- 2. Recommend a book
- 3. Poetry

Label your entry with your name, address, and Grange, the contest and category you are entering your work in and value. Entries must be family friendly, in other words no nudes or depictions of horrific violence. If you are framing your work, please use Plexiglass.

A Best of Show Award will be presented and the Grange with the most entries will receive an award as well as the individual with the most entries.

Health Awareness

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How are you doing with your water intake? Have you increased it to at least half your body weight? Summer time is time for activity. The new Challenge is to incorporate more movement into your day. Just 10-15 minutes of walking each day can make a big difference in your health. For the next few months I encourage you to take the Challenge. You can do it!

Test your Knowledge, take the Quiz: (answers can be found on Page 5)

- 1. About how much of your plate should be fruits and vegetables? One quarter, One half, Three quarters, All of it
- 2. Which of these nutrients can you get from eating whole fruit that is not usually found in juice? Vitamins, Minerals, Fiber, Sugar
- 3. Which of these foods is actually a fruit in plant biology? Sweet Onion, Pepper, Mushrooms, Peas
- 4. Eating a diet rich in fruits and vegetables as part of an overall healthy diet may protect against certain types of cancer. True or False
- 5. What color vegetable should you

eat the most? Orange, because they taste the best, Purple, because they are rare and exotic, Green, because kale is green, A variety of colors

- 6. You should only eat raw vegetables because if you cook vegetables, all of the vitamins are "cooked away." True or False
- 7. What vitamin gives carrots and sweet potatoes their orange color? Vitamin D, Folate, Vitamin A, Vitamin O.
- 8. Eating a diet with lots of vegetables and fruit is good for you. True or False
- 9. Fruits are sources of which of the following? Folate, Vitamin D, Calcium, Protein?
- 10. Which of these foods is a source of vitamin C? Pineapples, Strawberries, Oranges, All of the Above.

Are you looking for a topic for your next meeting or just want to improve your health? More information can be found at: <http://www.choosemyplate.gov/fruitquiz#sthsh.LTy4znBF.dpuf>

Or feel free to contact me for more info or program ideas: louettaphelps@aol.com.

Colorado Grange Museum

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The Results Are In

A few months ago the Grange Museum sent out a survey, we were trying to gauge the interest and knowledge among our community about the museum. Out of 71 surveys sent out, 31 people responded. Here are the results:

- Question 1:** Did you know that there is a Colorado Grange Museum?
30 responded Yes
1 responded No
- Question 2:** If you answered yes, have you visited the museum?
19 responded Yes
11 responded No
- Question 3:** If you have visited, how many times have you visited?
1 to 3 times: 10 responses
4 to 5 times: 1 response
More: 8 responses
- Question 4:** If you haven't visited the museum, is it because:
a) You did not know there was a museum, 1 response
b) Inconvenient visiting hours, 4 responses
c) No interest in visiting, 1 response

Question 5: The museum is facing the challenge of losing their current location, and we are looking for input on how to handle this. Which would you like to see?

- a) Disburse museum assets to Granges around the State that are interested in hosting some of the museum displays: 13 responses
- b) Disband the museum, sell off any assets and disburse monies to other Colorado Grange entities (i.e. scholarship fund, PICK, etc): 5 responses
- c) Other please specify, 8 responses – Most of the responses were to find alternative locations for the museum.

The Museum Board is considering the results of the survey, and we are looking into alternative locations for at least some of the items in the museum. Currently past *Granger* newspapers are being scanned and the scanned data will be retained at the Denver Public Library.

We will keep you updated on what we decide to do as we go forward.

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Since I became the Publicity Director for the state, I have come across a copy of the **Grange Communication Handbook** on the Internet several times. In re-reading parts of this handbook that was prepared in 2012, there are many sections of the handbook that are very appropriate for the publicity chairpersons in the Granges across the state. If you want to go deeper beyond what I have included in this article, you can find the handbook at: http://orgrange.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/communication_handbook.pdf

Here's one excerpt from the handbook.

Why is Public Relations Important for the Grange?

Since our founding in 1867, the National Grange has been widely recognized nationally and in countless communities across the United States. Though the organization is still quite active, the country's communications media has greatly expanded, and many other special interest groups and social organizations have risen to compete for the public's attention. Because of this, the role of the Grange Publicity Chairperson has never been more important to the success of our organization. In our early days, word-of-mouth, flyers, public displays, local newspapers and personal letters were



the primary mediums by which the Grange spread its message. Today, the number of mediums has exponentially increased, and that dramatic growth in communications mediums has made way for more opportunities to share what your Grange has accomplished. Externally, this will help spread the word of our organization to prospective members, magnify our voice on a local, state and national stage and create an even greater sense of goodwill for your Grange within your community. Internally, great communication will help build pride in membership and lead to an even more successful Grange.

Chaplain's Corner

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Spring in Colorado: what a blessing! As I write this, folks on the Eastern Slope are dealing with a large snowstorm, and it is snowing in the southwest. The mountains are storing white stuff for our summer water needs. Hooray!

Someone forgot to give the forecast to the deer, though, and they are out and about again. We may not be seeing as many as we did 10 years ago, as Colorado Parks & Wildlife says the deer population decreased by 36% from 2005 to 2013 (390,000 compared to 614,000). As I was ruminating (pun intended) on this information, I thought of what the Bible says about deer.

In 2 Samuel 22:33-34 and in Psalm 18, David says, "*It is God who arms me with strength and keeps my way secure. He makes my feet like the feet of a deer; He causes me to stand on the heights.*" (NIV) This was after God protected David in the wilderness from enemies, including King Saul. David knew from whence came his strength and protection, and he trusted and praised God. Do I? Do you?

Habakkuk, one of the Minor Prophets, prayed (3:19), "*The sovereign LORD is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer; he enables me to tread on the heights.*" (NIV) If you are a mountain climber, you may take Habakkuk and David literally, but it seems there's more of a spiritual, emotional, daily connotation. God lifts us up and allows us to stand

above our daily circumstances and trials, to see them as if from "the heights." We then have a perspective more like His and can rejoice in ALL things He allows into our lives.

One way we may become better at seeing things in such perspective is to consider another Psalm God has preserved for our benefit: "*As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?*" (42:1-2, NIV)

The Almighty God of the universe wants to meet with you, to strengthen you, to help you stand above your circumstances like a deer on the heights. When will you go and meet with Him?

COLORADO STATE GRANGE MEMORIALS

Since the last Grange paper contributions have been made to the Memorial Fund of the Leadership/Scholarship Fund in memory of the Grange members or friends listed below:

Claudine Stamm Pleasant View
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(Donations should be made payable to CSG Memorial Fund. Mail to Colorado State Grange, 2009 CR 31, Florissant, CO 80816, with the following information: name and Grange affiliation of deceased, name of person or group making donation, and name and address of person who should receive the memorial card.)

Granger Deadline And Guidelines

June 15, 2016 is the deadline for articles for the July-August 2016 edition of *The Colorado Granger*. You can send them to the State Grange Office, 2009 CR 31, Florissant, CO 80816 or email costategranger@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 happening at your Grange — DO NOT SEND MINUTES

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

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Hats Off (Grangers to be recognized)
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It's time to be working on needle-work/sewing/quilting projects to be entered at the State Convention in September this year.

We just received word from our new National Grange Lecturer, Amanda Leigh Brozana, about a new quilt block project. Quilt blocks will need to be sent by September 30 to the National Lecturer and will be on display for the 150th year celebration and

2016 And 2017 Quilted Item Contest

The National Grange Quilt block contest is one key to help us share the celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the National Grange in 2017. The idea behind the contest is to create a vehicle for our members and those who have not yet joined the Grange to share their creative talents. Small monetary prizes will be awarded. Please check back with your State Lecturer or the National Lecturer for more details.

Rules

A. The period of the contest runs from January 1, 2016 (2017) until September 15, 2016 (2017) deadline for submissions is September 30, 2016 (2017) to the National Lecturer Amanda Leigh Brozana, c/o National Grange, 1616 H St. NW, Washington, DC 20006.

B. Judging will be done prior to National Grange session.

C. Any entries received after the deadline will not be judged, however, they will be exhibited at the National Grange session in Washington, D.C.

D. All entries will be retained by the National Grange to be displayed at the Quilt Show associated with the 151st Annual National Grange Convention in Spokane, Wash., in November 2017. All items will be on display and for sale during the event to raise funds for the Grange Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit entity. Upon submission, you will receive a donation letter from the Grange Foundation acknowledging your donation and encouraging you to provide it to your tax adviser or to use IRS Publication 561: Determining the Value of Donated Property to understand what you may be able to claim as a tax-deductible contribution. All entries will be given proper credit and awards.

then made into a quilt to be used as a fundraiser. The pattern is Dresden Plate and can be found on the National Grange Website. Since September 30 is during our 2016 Colorado State Convention, if you are doing a quilt block for this project, you will need to send it directly to her, as there will not be time to have it judged and sent in by September 30. It will not be returned if it is sent in for the National

Quilt Project. The Dresden Plate pattern has many variations. If entering for the national quilt, guidelines attached need to be followed as shown on the National Grange website. The Dresden Plate Pattern was popular in the '30s and '40s when feed sacks were used for the fabric.

If you wish to do a quilt block there is Class L Quilt block as a class in the Colorado State Grange Handbook. The quilt blocks in this class will be judged and not sent on for the National Quilt Project. It can be a quilt block of your own choosing.

Group I – Adult

Section 1 – Fabric Unfinished Quilt Block

2016 – Dresden Plate pattern, blues & golds, 16" x 16"

*The 2016 Quilt Block Pattern is the DRESDEN PLATE in Blues and Golds to represent the Grange. The pattern to use can be found at <http://www.mccallquilting.com/patterns/details.html?idx=8040>. The block must come UNFINISHED and measure 16" x 16".

2017 – Spiderweb Star, greens & browns, 12" x 12"

The 2017 Quilt Block Pattern is the SPIDERWEB STAR in Greens and Browns with accent colors reminiscent of the earth and agriculture. The pattern to use can be found at <http://www.mccallquilting.com/patterns/details.html?idx=8325>. The block must come UNFINISHED and measure 12" x 12".

Section 2 – Finished Fabric Quilted Items

Class A – finished table runner – no larger than 18" x 60"

Class B – Finished Quilted Pillow – no larger than 18" x 18"

Class C – Quilted Wall Hanging – no larger than 48" x 48"

Class D – Quilted Coffee Cozy (Suggestion: <http://stitchwerx.net/wp-content/uploads/2012/02/S304BasicCupCozy.pdf>)

Class E – Quilted Crib/Baby Quilt – no larger than 45" x 54"

Group II –

Junior Grange Member

2016 – Log Cabin – red, white and black. Pattern can be found at <http://www.mccallquilting.com/patterns/details.html?idx=12662>

2017 – Garden Path – green, gold and white (accents of blue may also be used)

Pattern may be found at: <http://www.mccallquilting.com/patterns/details.html?idx=15047>

Section 1 – Fabric Unfinished Quilt Block 12" x 12"

Section 2 – Quilted Potholder

<http://www.mccallquilting.com/patterns/details.html?idx=15047>

NOTE: Finished means (batted and backed)

Submission Form

Name _____
 Address _____
 Email (if applicable) _____

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What is special about your Grange/hometown? _____

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History Of The Grange, Continued

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WOMEN IN THE GRANGE

Oliver H. Kelley had his niece, Carolyn Hall, help with the paperwork and even ideas when he was organizing the Grange. It was she who suggested that the organization would not last unless the women were involved. Oliver Kelly conferred with the other founders of the organization and they decided that was a good idea and all organizing work from then on included women. The Grange became the first organization of that scope that included women. It was considered from then on as a Family Agriculture Organization and was a Fraternity. Many people said that Carolyn Hall should have been considered a co-founder of the organization but she was not ever included in information given about the Grange Founders.

The founders decided there would be four offices in the Grange that could only be held by women. These were the Lady Assistant Steward and the three Graces. For many years all the other offices of the Grange were held by men.

The men said and wrote about the uplifting atmosphere of having the women involved with the meetings but their influence seemed to be working slowly in many states. The women at first gained their influence by their presence at the meeting but they did a lot of the routine work as well. Caroline Hall, niece of founder, Oliver Kelly, sewed the first regalia, compiled a songbook and contributed money at a critical point. Later Grange women followed her example. They cleaned the Grange Halls, devised entertainment and planned programs and prepared meals. Cooking became a regular part of woman's Grange work.

Sources acknowledged the labor and presence of women at meetings but their participation was limited to the local, subordinate level. The first National Grange constitution implicitly excluded them from the State and National Grange meetings. The constitution stated that state Granges would consist of Masters and Past Masters of subordinate Granges and National Grange would be comprised of Past Masters and Masters of State Granges. Because no woman had become Master of her Grange at any level that left her out of membership of state and National Grange. A brief note on why the head of the Grange was called Master is that the "Grange" name was taken from the English countryside in which Grange meant farm. The owners of the farms were called Masters. Other officer names were also taken from the English farms, hence, the office of Vice President was called Overseer as that was the name of the manager of the farm, and so forth down the names of the Grange officers.

The first National Grange meeting was held basically by the founders on December 4 of 1864 to elect the officers of National Grange. Caroline Hall became the first woman to be initiated into the National Grange. By 1873 a new constitution was written that stated wives of Masters of State Granges would be included in all future National Grange sessions. Also, the new constitution included that wives of subordinate Grange Masters would be part of the State Granges. Women have been involved ever since. The first mention of women at Grange meetings states that they were decorative and a refinement to the meetings. This was not the way the women wanted to participate and soon were doing some writing and speaking from their positions as official officers of the Grange. Their offices at first were limited to the Three Graces and the Lady Assistant Steward. They started to chair committees, mostly home economics and health related

committees. Some women also became associate lecturers and helped plan programs and prepared writings. One lady Doctor who was Ceres of the Pennsylvania State Grange raised money for a hall at Pennsylvania State College and consequently had Lyons Hall named for her to commemorate her contributions to the college.

Over the next 25 years or so a few women were elected in their subordinate (local) Granges to offices that had previously been awarded to men. These usually were the Secretary, Treasurer, Lecturer or in a very few instances there were women Overseers or Vice Presidents. The Lecturers in those days actually prepared lectures on subjects that would be helpful to the farmers and their wives.

The subject could be on new methods of farming, raising of cattle, chickens, other animals, crops, seeds, storage methods, work horses, barns, anything of interest of the day, etc. A rare occurrence of a woman State Grange Lecturer in Iowa stated she had traveled 8,500 miles to give seventy public lectures in 1874. She said it was hard work and you know how she must have traveled. The women Lecturers tended to lecture on education, health, home and issues of the day. They became teachers rather than lecturers and encouraged others to study and give information and talk about issues of the day. Early writings mentioned that the Grange helped lift the women out of the drudgery that many of them had known by the hard work they did on the farms. They had had little opportunity for social interaction before they attended the Grange meetings.

The women also spoke on health, education of the children, building schools, and fixing up their homes. I read about one local Lecturer telling the men of the Grange to get their farm equipment out of the front yards of their homes so flowers could be planted. As lecturers the women spoke about both men and women helping to fix up the homes so they would be more comfortable. As the women took the opportunity to write and talk more they wrote about how to better their home, their life and their mind. They wanted their homes and farms more appealing so their sons would want to farm and raise their families there. So many of the young men were going to town to be bank tellers or find other jobs.

One interesting reference noting how women were actually becoming involved with Grange meetings was in 1880 when the New Jersey State Grange Master observed that the strongest local Granges were "those where women's influence is exerted to make the meetings interesting." Another comment by a California Granger guessed that "one lady is equal to six men and a span of horses." These direct excerpts are from Donald B. Marti's book WOMEN OF THE GRANGE Mutuality and Sisterhood in Rural America 1866-1920. This is about the time that Woman's Suffrage (Woman's right to vote) became a major topic not only in the Grange.

Women were beginning to take leadership roles in the later 1880s mostly in their local Grange and Sarah G. Baird was elected Master of the Minnesota State Grange in 1895, a position she held for seventeen years. There were a few women who had been elected secretaries and lecturers by that time, as well. The next woman State Master was Pearl Stillwell of Wyoming but not until 1920.

There is quite a bit more on the women in the Grange so I will write again next time on this subject. I found it very interesting and very involved.

Information taken from *People, Pride and Progress* by David Howard and *Women of the Grange, Mutuality and Sisterhood in Rural America, 1866-1920* by Donald B. Marti plus personal research.

Tune In To Junior Grange

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Grow the Jr. Grange we need to think about what we can do as Grangers to help the Jr.s "Grow" this year. One way is to welcome change into your Grange meetings. Maybe this means that you change the date of your meeting so that parents of younger children can still attend if their kids are in school. I know it's hard to change but if we welcome the parents into the Grange then they are more likely to allow their kids to join the Jr. Grange. Brainstorm with your Grange, then share your ideas on our Facebook page so others can see your ideas.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates. If your Grange would like to help out with a "Sleep-In" please email us at djbnagreer@live.com or you can call us at 970-588-3844. We can't wait to hear from you.

We are looking forward to a great year of "Growth" in the Colorado State Junior Grange, but we can't do it without your help.

The Colorado State Junior Grange now has its very own Facebook page that you can like and follow, www.facebook.com/Colorado-State-Junior-Grange. We plan on having helpful hints and collecting lots of feedback from across the state for what activities we would like to do.

This year we are planning on having Grange Sleep-ins in the southwestern part of the state as well as the northeastern part of the state. These are going to be a great retreat for any junior or potential junior to come and have some fun while having the chance to earn at least one badge during the sleep-in. This fun-filled weekend will include some crafts, a tour of a neat and fascinating place nearby, some fun games, meals, movie, snacks, and we will stay the night in a Grange hall. We are wanting the cost to be very minimal so that everyone can come and enjoy it; with that being said we are going to need YOUR help. First off we need to find a Grange willing to donate the use of their hall for a weekend, a Grange that would be willing to donate or make a kid friendly meal or two, and lastly volunteers who would be willing to help us with all the fun and chicken herding, oh wait we meant kid wrangling! Our first Grange sleep-in is going to be in the Durango area on April 8 -9 at the Marvel Grange Hall.

Since our theme for this year is

Legislative Activity

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I am acting as your Colorado State Grange Lobbyist, with the primary objective of providing a Colorado State Grange FACE to our Legislators and other personnel at our Colorado Capitol.

Thought you might like to know what my weeks have been like for the past three months. I registered with the Colorado Secretary of State Office as the Colorado State Grange Lobbyist in Jan, 2016. I've been meeting legislators, and other lobbyists and individuals on an informal basis, acquiring an understanding of how we are able to influence the direction of legislation, and developing a professional relationship and "FACE" recognition with many. People at the Capitol are beginning to associate me with the Colorado State Grange, and that is our over-riding objective.

As a professional lobbyist, I am NOT allowed on the floor of any session (House or Senate) during the sessions. Fortunately, I can view the pro-

ceedings from the gallery, or through the windows and can try to follow the dialogue through their hallway audio system. I am allowed and encouraged to attend various committee meetings throughout the day.

I review the House and Senate calendars, and various bills and resolutions, daily from Home (via the Internet) to decide which days I may want to be physically present in the Capitol building for sessions or committee meetings. So far, I travel to the Capitol and am present there at least one day each week (and sometimes two). I have been following a number of bills (far too many to list here), many from requests for support through legislators who attend and report to the Ag Council meetings, and many from other lobbyists or interested individuals.

The experience has been quite interesting so far.

I wish to thank Our State Executive Committee for their confidence in selecting me to represent the Grange.

Health Awareness

Answers to Quiz: (from Page 3)

1. **One half.** "Make half your plate fruits and vegetables" is a key nutrition message of MyPlate and the Dietary Guidelines for Americans. MyPlate is a visual reminder to make half your plate fruits and vegetables.

2. **Fiber.** Fiber is found in the pulp of the fruit. When juice is made (either commercially or at home with a juicer), the pulp is usually removed. Unfortunately, the fiber goes with it.

3. **Pepper.** In plant biology, a fruit contains the seeds of a plant. Though it is botanically a fruit, a pepper counts toward the Vegetable Group because we eat peppers in a similar way to vegetables (on sandwiches, in soups, in pasta sauces). Likewise, tomatoes, squash, cucumbers, and pumpkins all contain the seeds of the plant and are therefore botanically fruits

4. **True.** As a part of an overall healthy diet, eating a diet rich in vegetables and fruits may reduce risk for heart disease, protect against certain types of cancer, and help lower caloric intake.

5. **A Variety.** Varying your veggies ensures you get many different vitamins and minerals.

6. **False.** Cooked vegetables still contain vitamins, minerals, and fiber and can be very nutritious – but remember that sauces or seasonings used in cooking can add calories, saturated fat, and/or sodium to vegetables.

7. **Vitamin A.** Beta-carotene, a form of vitamin A, gives these foods their orange color, and is also good for eye health, the immune system, and reproduction.

8. **True.** As a part of an overall healthy diet, eating a diet rich in vegetables and fruits may reduce risk for heart disease, protect against certain types of cancer, and help lower caloric intake.

9. **Folate.** Folate is one of the B vitamins and is needed by all of our cells for growth. Although vitamin D and calcium are not typically found in high amounts in fruits, you can find some 100% orange juices that are fortified with calcium and vitamin D. You'll commonly see this advertised on the front of the container.

10. **All.** All fruits (and vegetables, too) contain some amount of vitamin C – an important nutrient that is needed for the growth and repair of tissues in all parts of your body.

Mandy Project Recipient Spencer Urrutia

Spencer Urrutia is two-years-old. He had a difficult vaginal birth and spent a short time in the newborn intensive care unit at Parker Adventist Hospital. He passed his newborn hearing screening test, but was treated for hyperbilirubinemia shortly after birth. He also has been treated for RSV.

Because of personal family history experiences and an awareness of typical developmental benchmarks, the parents became concerned about Spencer's lack of quantity oral language production and expressed concern to their pediatrician. At his two-year check-up their pediatrician shared their concern and suggested that Spencer participate in a Child Find evaluation in Douglas County. During this evaluation, his hearing loss was first diagnosed. A second evaluation confirmed a mild sloping to moderate-severe hearing loss for at least the better hearing ear. Spencer was seen for a final hearing evaluation at the Children's Hospital in February to obtain ear specific information and for a hearing aid consultation. His hearing loss is bilateral and is believed to be sensorineural.

Spencer has a family history of hearing loss. Both Mother and Father have experienced the challenges of a sloping mid to high frequency sensorineural hearing loss which has progressed over the years. Mom has worn hearing aids since the age of 4. So



Spencer Urrutia

there is a distinct possibility that Spencer's hearing loss is genetic.

The family's goals for Spencer are to help him to develop as a self-actualized, ethical and moral, loving, happy and safe person who recognizes his responsibilities to himself and others as he grows, develops and contributes to his world through the attainment of his total potential. A few specific family goals include the ability to communicate clearly, the ability to express, receive, and acknowledge love and caring, the ability to feel good about himself and others, to understand right



The Urrutia Family

and wrong, and to find alternatives for solving problems.

The hearing aid cost is \$2,500 per aid, for a total of \$5,000. There are additional charges for professional fees and warranties estimated by the audiology department to be \$300. Their health insurance will cover the cost of most of the hearing aids, but they have a \$2,000 copay/deductible that must be met before insurance coverage begins. They anticipate additional expenses for speech/language therapy. The Colorado State Grange Mandy project awarded this family \$500.

Donations to the Mandy project can be sent to the Colorado State Grange office or to PICK. Checks should not be made out to the Mandy project; please make checks out to Colorado State Grange or PICK. Donations to PICK are tax deductible.

Youth News

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A huge Thank You goes out to everyone who came and supported the youth. Wheat Ridge Grange had a spaghetti dinner and Maple Grove Grange held a pancake breakfast. The funds from both will help send kids to family camp. A spaghetti dinner attendee at the Wheat Ridge Grange said she may be able to find a way to fund all the kids at family camp. We look forward to hearing from her again.

We will have activities for Junior Grangers that include: storytelling, crafts, scrapbooking, fly tying, swimming, paddle boats, relaxing in the hot tub and a tour of Bishop Castle. Fun, Fun, Fun.

We still have time to get a few extra rooms if you contact me right away. Camp cost for youth under 10 is \$75, over 10 is \$150, under 3 is Free. We hope you can join us.

Darden

Jefferson County

Contact Idella Lewis, idelamlewis@gmail.com, 303-233-3393, or Marlys Halbeisen, marlyshalbeisen@gmail.com for further information.

June 11 – Darden Pomona Picnic at Pleasant Park Grange in Conifer at 12 p.m. Bring a covered dish to share.

Darden Pomona Granges held their Community Nights this spring. Many outstanding community volunteers were recognized for all they have done to make our communities a better place. We have many interesting people who have done a lot of volunteer work and it is a pleasure for our Granges to give them the recognition they deserve for their efforts.

The annual Grange Month Banquet was held April 30th at Maple Grove Grange with members of Darden Pomona attending. All Granges contributed food for the roast pork banquet and we had plenty of good food to eat. Thank you to all who helped set up and prepare food. We were once again given beautiful blooming potted geraniums to decorate the tables thanks to Danny Bacher of Al's Pine Garden in Wheat Ridge. They were given out as door prizes after we were finished eating.

Following the banquet we honored Jean Decker as our outstanding volunteer in the community. Jean has a history of volunteering in Jefferson County. She leads quilt groups and helps with the homeless through her church. She does handwork, making blankets, quilts and hats for baby programs in two hospitals. She has also been a long-time volunteer at Hiwan Homestead Museum in Evergreen and at the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum in Golden. She works with the Colo-

rado Quilt Council Documentation Team to try to see that each quilt in the state is documented into a database for future use.

Entertainment for the evening was provided by the music group, Thin Air. They played old time music and everyone enjoyed hearing them play and sing. It was an enjoyable evening for all.

The quarterly meeting of Darden Pomona was held at Golden Gate Grange May 7. Following the business meeting we had a potluck dinner. Mary and Charlie Ramstetter of Golden Gate Grange entertained us with their local stories of the Golden Gate Canyon area. The Golden Gate Community was also invited to attend their presentation. It is always interesting to hear their first hand information of the Golden Gate Canyon

Idella Lewis

Maple Grove

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Maple Grove Grange was represented at the annual Agriculture Day at the Capitol in March. Attending were members Idella Lewis and Norene Hawthorne and guest Jane Harvey. It is so interesting to hear the speeches given and a special treat to sample all of the food prepared by chefs using Colorado grown products.

Maple Grove Grange held a breakfast in April as a benefit for Grange youth. Thank you to all who helped set up, cook, and donate toward the youth program. We had a good attendance and many who were not able to attend donated money. Thank you, thank you!

Beginning June 2 we have our meeting date changed to the first Thursday of the month rather than the second Thursday. This was done (Continued on Page 6)

You Are Invited

The following are Subordinate Grange activities you are invited to.

May 9 – Mount Lookout Grange May Day Celebration 3 to 7 p.m. Contact: Carol van der Harten @ 5hearts@q.com.

May 14 – Florissant Grange Outdoor Flea Market and Indoor Craft Show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Contact: Ed Oppermann @ florissantgrange@gmail.com.

May 19 – Wheat Ridge Grange community night. Potluck at 6 p.m. Contact: Charlene Porter 720-434-7161.

May 20 – Marvel Grange History Night and Potluck at 6:30 p.m. Contact: Sheryl Ayers @ 970-385-4557.

May 27 & 28 – Golden Gate Grange Rummage and Bake Sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Contact: Jayne Ruesch @ jayruesch@aol.com.

May 28 – Marvel Grange Dry-side Quilters 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Contact: Sheryl Ayers @ 970-385-4557.

May 28 – Florissant Grange Dinner Concert with Kristyn Harris, WMA Female Performer of the year. Tickets on sale now. Dinner at 6 p.m. Contact: Ed Oppermann @ florissantgrange@gmail.com.

June 2 – Golden Gate Grange Pancake Breakfast 8 to 10 a.m. Contact: Jayne Ruesch @ jayruesch@aol.com.

June 11 – Darden Pomona Picnic in Conifer. 12 p.m. with a guest speaker and face painter. Contact: Idella Lewis @ idellamlewis@gmail.com.

June 12 – Mt. Lookout Grange Community 6:30 p.m. Contact: Carol van der Harten @ 5hearts@q.com.

June 17 – Golden Gate Grange History Night 7 p.m. Contact: Jayne Ruesch @ jayruesch@aol.com.

July 9 – Golden Gate Grange Beatles Tribute Night concert early afternoon. Contact: Jayne Ruesch @ jayruesch@aol.com.

July 10 – Golden Gate Grange Pancake Breakfast 8 to 10 a.m. Contact: Jayne Ruesch @ jayruesch@aol.com.

July 30 – Florissant Grange Heritage Day Celebration 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Contact: Ed Oppermann @ florissantgrange@gmail.com.

Darden
Jefferson County

Maple Grove

(Continued from Page 5)

to accommodate one of our renters. We hope all will remember this change of date and be able to attend our new meeting date on the first Thursday with potluck at 6:30 p.m. and meeting to follow.

Our bathrooms have a new updated look, thanks to George Jessop who smoothed out the walls from being textured.

Our members are all helping out to do the maintenance on the Grange Hall. We have many dance renters and others who use our hall. Many hands make light work!

Community Night was celebrated in May with our outstanding community volunteer being recognized, Jon Walker, who is an active volunteer with the visually impaired community and has served many years on the Colorado Talking Book Library Board of Directors, serving in many capacities. He has worked with and served on the board of the National Beep Ball Association, coaching the Colorado Storm Beep Ball Team for over 20 years. Being the main pitcher for the team for several years, he helped the Storm place in the upper ten teams at the Beep Ball World Series. He commutes weekly from Leadville for practice each week, picking up team members on his way. He is a great supporter of adaptive sports and has his whole family volunteering. Following the presentation we had musical entertainment and everyone enjoyed the evening.

Idella Lewis

Wheat Ridge

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

The first Thursday of each month – business meeting at 6 p.m.

The third Thursday of each month – Social gathering, education and events at 6 p.m.

The 2nd Monday of each month – Potluck and Bunco at 12 p.m.

The 3rd Wednesday of each month – Gambling Trip – meet at the Safeway parking lot at 44th and Lowell. \$10: \$5 to play and a \$10 food voucher.

The March 24 community night was postponed until May 19 due to snow.

The April 2 Spaghetti dinner fundraiser for the Youth Department had a good turnout. Thank you to all for coming and supporting the youth.

The April 19 “Al’s Pine Garden” gardening tips went well. We learned new gardening ideas and brought pots and plants for the children to make Mother’s Day gifts from.

May 19 is our Community Night postponed from April 24. Potluck begins at 6 p.m. We will be honoring the backpack program. This program sends food home for children on the free breakfast and lunch programs at schools. In some cases this is the fam-

ily’s only meal all weekend. We raised \$400. Each site will be presented with a certificate and a check will be given to the chief of police.

June 16 is the Wheat Ridge Grange Membership Drive.

July is the Darden Pomona Picnic. August is the Carnation festival and pancake breakfast.

Charlene Porter

Pleasant Park

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

May 14 – Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed by Potluck Lunch.

June 11 – Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed by Pomona Picnic.

July 9 – Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed by Bob Kuehster’s Birthday Party.

Our annual Chili Dinner was held on April 9 following the regular meeting. The event was a success with several neighbors stopping in to get acquainted. The weather even cooperated.

We welcome Dave Lewis as our newest member. He was initiated on April 9.

Mark your calendars for the Pomona Picnic on June 11. The fun starts at noon and the guest speaker will be International Hearing Dog, Inc. There will be a face painter for children of all ages. Come and enjoy good food, fun and fellowship.

At the July meeting we will celebrate Bob Kuehster’s 90th Birthday and 75 years as a Grange Member. Everyone is invited to come and celebrate with Bob.

The Bicycle Rest Stop is opening up for the brave riders who pedal up the Deer Creek High Grade. They are so appreciative of the place to stop, rest and hydrate. Our members have really pulled together as a team to fill the coolers and welcome our guests.

Check us out on Facebook. One of our goals for 2016 is to utilize social media and benefit from all the perks it has to offer.

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

The Pleasant Park Grange Hall continues to be a busy place hosting meetings and special events. All Grange members can use the facility for a donation. Contact Sharon Bonomo at 303-838-2394 if you want to plan an event there.

Yvonne Ludwig

Golden Gate

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

May 27 and 28 – Rummage and Bake Sale, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

June 2 – Monthly Meeting, 3 p.m.

June 12 – Pancake Breakfast, 8 to 10 a.m.

June 17 – History Night, 7 p.m.

July 7 – Monthly Meeting, 3 p.m.

July 9 – Beatles Tribute Concert, early afternoon.

July 10 – Pancake Breakfast, 8 to 10 a.m.

Mondays at 1:30 p.m. and Wed-



Pleasant Park’s annual Chili Dinner was held on April 9. Thanks to our great cooks!



nesday at 5 p.m. – Yoga.

Eggmania was a great success! Children and grownups decorated dozens of eggs! The Easter Egg hunt was great fun for the youngsters. Thanks to Alyn and Elisa Hansen, Elle Phillips, Janet Primmer and Terri Costeldia for coordinating this wonderful event.

Pancake Breakfasts, held on the second Sunday of the month, are a great way to catch up with neighbors and friends. Pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee and juice will be served. The price is \$5 for adults.

Our annual Rummage and Bake Sale will be held on Friday, May 27, and Saturday, May 28, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Please bring us your gently used items from May 23 thru May 26. If you need help with getting larger items to the Grange or wish to donate before the 23rd call Phoebe Reese 303 277-1742 or Terri Costeldia 303-277-0351. No tires, TV’s, computer equipment or large appliances, please. Donations of homemade baked goods are greatly appreciated. Helping hands to sort, display and price rummage sale items are always needed in the days preceding the sale.

Our popular History Night will be held on Friday, June 17, at 7 p.m. Listen to stories from long time Golden Gate Canyon residents and bring stories of your own! Admission is free for all!

Grange member Mitch Jervis has offered to bring his Beatles Tribute Band for a performance at the Golden Gate Grange on July 9 in the early afternoon. We are very lucky to have Mitch as a Grange member and for his willingness to bring this amazing event to the Golden Gate Grange. Final planning for this event is in the works and more details will be available at a later date. Admission will be a \$10 donation toward our much-needed capital repair projects.

Website: www.goldengategrange.com; Like us on our Facebook page — Golden Gate Canyon Community.

IN MEMORIAM
Neil Reese

The Golden Gate Grange lost a treasured friend and member of the community with the passing of Neil Reese on December 27, 2015. Neil was born in Aurora, Colorado, on May 10, 1937, to Neil Robinson Reese and Clara Felder Reese. He was the youngest of three children. Neil loved animals from an early age especially his coonhounds and greyhounds. Like all little boys on a farm, he loved to ride tractors and horses.



Wheat Ridge Spaghetti Dinner was fundraiser for the Youth Department.



Bunco Game Day at Wheat Ridge Grange.



Toddlers with Easter Bunny after Egg Hunt at Golden Gate Grange.



Decorating eggs at Golden Gate’s Eggmania.



Big Kids with Easter Bunny at Golden Gate Grange after Egg Hunt.

La Plata
Archuleta and La Plata Counties, CO
and San Juan County, NM

Mt. Allison

Contact Larry Corman; 970-884-4762 marvelgrange@gmail.com for more information.

May 16 – monthly Grange meeting @ Mt. Allison Grange Hall, 7 p.m.

As of April 16, we have now completed another successful 9Health Fair. Our Grange was instrumental in getting the fair organized and recruiting volunteers along with providing the refreshments for all of the participants. Our Grangers helped in the overall organization process, writing on blood tubes, helping people with the registration process, staffing the kid zone, staffing the vision screening, the height/weight screening, cashiering, etc. Overall, we had 179 participants that took advantage of this great resource in our community. As I've stated in previous years, I highly encourage other Grangers to get involved with the 9Health Fair . . . you don't have to be medical professional to be of assistance.

We just finished hosting our annual Achievement Night. It was wonderful to have visitors from Marvel and Florida Granges at our meeting. It's always nice to have visitors and to be able to sit down and enjoy their company after the meeting. This is a tradition that unfortunately has gone by the wayside over the years. When I joined back in the mid-'80s, I remember Achievement Nights having 50+ in attendance from various Granges across our Pomona.

I hope that Spring is here to stay. It is nice, though, to see the VERY green grass now after our last rain/snow storm.

Yvonne Chapman

Marvel

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

May 20 – History Night/Potluck 6:30 p.m.

May 21 – Southwest Christian Writers lunch at Grange Hall.

May 28 – Dryside Quilters 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

June 3 – Business Meeting - 7:30 p.m. – Program: June Spriggs.

June 13 – Marvel Junior Grange Meeting: 2 p.m.

June 17 – Potluck/Bunco – 6:30 p.m.

June 25 – Dryside Quilters 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

July 1 – Business Meeting – 7:30 p.m. – Program: Lila Greer.

Marvel Grange welcomes John and Jeanne Harris as our newest members. They were initiated at our meeting on April 1. Welcome to associate member Julie Westendorff.

We canceled our spotlight on our community event. We had to change the date and that didn't seem to work for as many so the decision was to cancel it. Several Grange members helped provide food for Jim Isgar's funeral dinner.

In April we honored an outstanding community citizen and an outstanding Granger. More on those next month.

We had around 45 attend our Luau this year in February. The Durango Hawaiian dancers joined us again this year and performed three numbers. They were joined by a gentleman this year. Moana Greer also shared three dances.

May 10 we served the Basin CO-OP Banquet at the Fairgrounds. This is basically the only fundraiser we do for the Grange during a year. We served between 250 and 300 people.



Jenna Greer is the 2016 Outstanding Granger for Marvel Grange.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the dinner.

Marvel Grange 2016 Outstanding Granger

This year's recipient is involved in a lot of activities that are centered around kids. This person is willing to do most anything as long as she isn't in charge. You'll most likely see her washing dishes or directing kids in some activity. Jenna Greer is this year's recipient. Jenna is also a great volunteer at Fort Lewis Mesa Elementary school in at least two of her children's classrooms. She's involved in the PTO and is always helping with something, Halloween carnival, Read A thon, Christmas program treats, Teacher appreciation activities. She is an involved parent. She has coached soccer teams and helped with basketball.

She has been the PTO president



Marvel Junior Grangers serving at the Senior Citizen Lunch.



Marvel Junior Grangers washing dishes.

and is currently treasurer.

She helps with Marvel Junior Grange and is Co-director of Junior Grange for the State Grange.

She has helped with the kids program at the library.

She helps with Grange Breakfasts, dinners and Sr. Citizen lunches and got the Grange to sponsor a prize for the School Read A Thon.

She is a children's leader in Bible Study Fellowship and is a teacher at Vacation Bible School and helps out with Sunday school at Marvel United Methodist Church.

Cindy Greer

Marvel JGs

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

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May 9 – Marvel Junior Grange Meeting: 2 p.m.

June 13 – Marvel Junior Grange Meeting: 2 p.m.

Marvel Junior Grange served a Senior Citizen Lunch on March 29 to approximately 27 Senior Citizens. We served Roast beef, green beans, mashed potatoes, gravy, bread, peaches and cookies along with beverages.

Earlier in the month we met and worked on the National art project entries, made bookmarks, learned about Washington, D.C. and played games. Most of the juniors participated in the State Junior Grange sleep in April 8 and 9.

We may be changing the time of our meetings for the summer months. Cindy Greer



Left Hand Grange's monthly Knitting at the Grange will resume in October.



Monthly Music Open Stage sessions wrapped up for the summer in April.



Left Hand Grange hosted the Congressional Art Show featuring artwork by high school students.



Boulder County
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Left Hand

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

Business Meetings at 6 p.m., May 11, June 8, no meeting in July.

Music Open Stage – Our monthly Sunday music Open Stage season concluded on April 10, and we will resume again in October. The events are hosted by Bruce and Marcia Johnson. Our last event of the season was attended by 29 people, including 10 performing acts. This event has been a successful activity to broaden the exposure of the Grange in the Niwot community and surrounding areas of Boulder County.

Knitting at the Grange – Grange member Christine Washington concluded her successful monthly series

“Knitting at the Grange” on Sunday April 17. People are invited to come and crochet or knit, and it is open to beginners and all ages and genders are welcome. They will take a break over the summer and start up again in October. For information contact Christine with any questions at 303-718-6246 or chrism6049@gmail.com.

Wi-Fi at the Grange – On March 18, Left Hand Grange successfully installed Wi-Fi in our building, making Internet access available to building users. This was a culmination of discussions that began in November 2015 about ways the Grange might raise its profile in the community, and help increase interest in building rentals. Thanks to Christine Washington for taking this project on, with seemingly endless coordination with Comcast, and persisting with it to completion!

Congressional Art Show at the Grange – Between March 22 and April 4, the Left Hand Grange was

host to an exhibition of art work by high school students from the 2nd U.S. Congressional District. The event was sponsored by Congressman Jared Polis and organized by his staff. “An Artistic Discovery” is an art competition sponsored by the U.S. House of Representatives. Each Congressional district across the nation hosts a district-wide art competition to determine the best piece of artwork from that district to hang in the U.S. Capitol beginning in June, for the entire year. Congressman Polis was at Left Hand Grange for the reception on Saturday, April 2, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., to visit with students and parents, and announce the show winners. The top show award went to Marissa DeGroiler, a Boulder High School student, with the artwork titled, “You Are What You Eat.” The top artwork will be on display in the Capitol and the student will receive two airline tickets to Washington, D.C. to view it.

Bruce Johnson

Ute Mountain
Dolores and Montezuma Counties

Mount Lookout

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

May 8 – May Day celebration and Free Box ribbon cutting ceremony 3 to 7 p.m.

May 19 – Officers meeting 6 p.m.

June 12 – Community Supper 5:30 p.m.

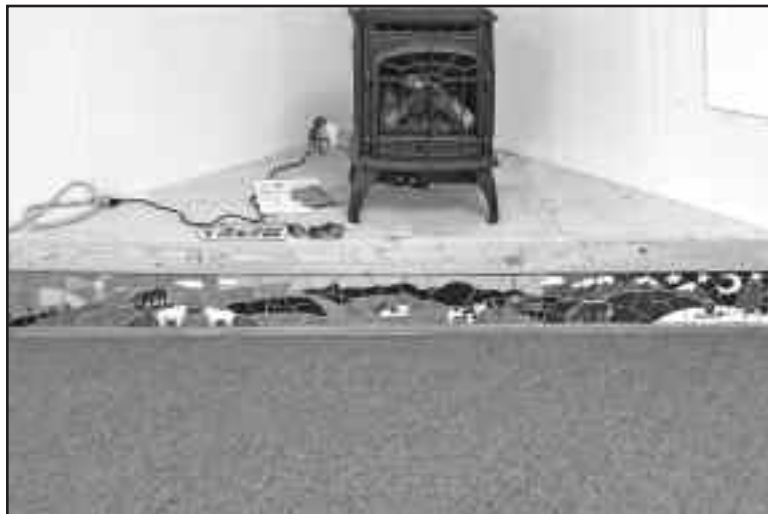
June 17 – Officers meeting 6 p.m.

Mount Lookout Grange is planning a number of fun events for this year. In addition to our monthly community suppers, held on the second Sunday of each month, the acoustic jam sessions the second and fourth Thursday evenings of each month, and various workshops and public interest meetings, three family friendly programs are planned, and all are invited! On the second Sunday in May

we are looking forward to holding our annual May Day celebration, with children's events, a May pole dance, and a dinner with live music. Our local Free Box program will be initiated at this celebration. In mid-August we will hold a Farm K marathon run, in concert with the local annual Mancos Brewfest. We also plan a pig roast in the fall promising a delicious meal of locally grown foods and beverages, with music and entertainment.

A mosaic workshop was held in March at the Grange, given by master mosaic artist Lilly Russo. Participants, under Lilly's guidance, created a beautiful mosaic of regional content for the hearth in the corner of the main room. The mosaic depicts Mesa Verde, the Sleeping Ute Mountain, and the La Plata mountains, as well as ranching, agricultural, and recreational activities. We feel very fortunate to house such a beautiful work of art in our Grange Hall (see accompanying picture).

Carol van der Harten



Beautiful new mosaic on the hearth at Mount Lookout Grange.

Pikes Peak
El Paso and Teller Counties

Florissant

Contact Ed Oppermann, 719-748-5004, florissantgrange@gmail.com, for further information.

May 9 – The Florissant Grange is host to the Gold Belt Tour. We will serve lunch and coffee.

May 14 – Outdoor Flea Market from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

May 28 – Dinner Show starring Kristyn Harris, the WMA Female Entertainer for 2013 and 2014. Tickets are on sale now and selling fast. Dinner starts at 6 p.m. and the show



Progressive
Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas & Elbert Counties

Contact Judy Harrison, 720-532-2787, for further information.

June 12 – Progressive Pomona will be meet at Castlewood Grange Hall. We will be having a potluck lunch followed by our regular meeting.

At our March meeting we were thrilled to take in five new members from the Grandview Grange. On April 2 we attended their meeting and helped our Master Jeanne Davies administer the obligation.

Judy Harrison



starts at 7 p.m.

June 11 – The Florissant Grange is host to the Mountain Bike Experience Ride. We will serve Breakfast and Lunch and be on hand to cheer home the riders who ride from 25 to 110 miles of scenic Colorado.

Florissant Grange continues to be a busy place for our community. In March we held another Pine Needle Basket Making Class and held our Annual Easter Party and Open House.



In April we had the Spring Craft Show and our Grange Month Chili Cook Off, Entertainment and Pie Auction.

We are planning some new sewing classes and will be having another Kids Kraft Korner soon. Our Thursday evening Potluck and Jam Session is still the most popular event in our area and with the arrival of Spring and Summer on its way, we look forward to the return of all our Summer friends.

We always look forward to July when we have the largest Festival in the Florissant Area, Heritage Day. We

will have music on the bandstand all day; Historic plays and talks on the indoor stage, Barrel Train Rides, Crafts and a treasure hunt for the kids; an Ice Cream Booth; Crafters and Vendors galore; Victorian Society displaying their beautiful period clothing and much more.

Ed Oppermann

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