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Colorado State Grange Summer Family Camp Adventure

July 21-23, 2017

Glenwood Canyon Resort
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Lots of activities for all ages: Hiking trails, Colorado River fishing, workshops, contests and even a pajama parade!

Lots To Do; Come Join In The Fun! Space Is Limited.

Reservations Due June 1 With Your Payment.

Children (5-13 years) \$25***; Youth (14-35 yrs) \$100; Adults \$125 per person.

Cost includes cabin lodging, meals and activities plus cost of one day trip (your choice) Glenwood Hot Springs

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*** Contact Charlene Porter at 720-434-7161 for more camp information or our Grange Scholarships.

Colorado State Grange Family Summer Camp Agenda Friday, July 21, 2017

4 p.m. — Check-in
Social hour and get acquainted
6 p.m. — Dinner
Board games and PAJAMA PARADE for everyone — bring your favorite pair.

Saturday, July 22, 2017

8 a.m. — Breakfast
9-10:30 a.m. — Jr. Grange and Youth Activities

11 a.m. — Leave for day trip (your choice) hot springs pool (family) or vapor caves (12 years +)

5 p.m. — Return to camp
6 p.m. — Dinner
Speech/ talent contests and workshops after dinner

Sunday, July 23, 2017

8 a.m. — Breakfast; Worship Service
10 a.m. — Pack and leave for home drive safe.....



Colorado Grangers visited the State Capitol to celebrate Agriculture Day on March 22, 2017.



Twenty-Five More Grange Accomplishments

1. Grangers provide infant hats for newborns
2. Grange Camps
3. Family Camp
4. Junior Camp
5. Youth Camp
6. Regional conferences
7. Baby Blankets donated
8. Senior Citizen lunches
9. Helping needy families in community — raising funds, paying on electric bills.
10. Adopting a needy family and providing Christmas gifts and dinner
11. Helping families with electric bills
12. Sponsors Ag in the Classroom thru Colorado Ag Foundation
13. Sponsors Summer Ag Institute
14. County Fair food booth employs youth and gives them their first paid job experience.
15. Accidental death and dismember insurance
16. Member benefits — reduced rates for motels/hotels
17. Member benefits — reduced rates for car rental
18. Member benefits — reduced rates for prescriptions
19. Raising funds for local Fire Departments
20. Providing community building at reasonable rental rates
21. Providing opportunities for community social events.
22. Educational speakers
23. Supporting School Read-A-Thon
24. Providing dictionaries to third graders
25. Supporting military members

Colorado Student Wins GIA Scholarship

Grange Insurance Association is pleased to announce that Kylie Duarte of Alamosa, Colorado, was awarded a Grange Insurance Association scholarship. Ariel Sandoral of La Jara, Colorado was awarded the *B. L. Barnard Memorial Scholarship*.

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

The quality of applicants was exceptionally high again this year and the Company is extremely pleased with the caliber of students who applied for our scholarships. It is always a difficult process to make the selections 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.

Save The Dates

Sept. 21-23, 2017 For State Session

The State Grange convention will be at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church in Colorado Springs. All meetings will be at the Good Shepherd Church, 1201 Leta Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80911; 719-392-5782.

More information about State Session in future *Grangers*.

Directions To Good Shepherd Church, 1201 Leta Drive, Colorado Springs, CO

From the South

- Turn right and take ramp onto I-25 N toward Pueblo 85.3 mi/
- Take exit 135 toward Airport onto CO-83 (S. Academy Blvd.) 1.4 mi/
- Take ramp toward Bradley Road 0.2 mi/
- Take the 3rd exit from roundabout onto Bradley Rd. 1.0 mi/
- Turn right onto Main St. 0.3 mi/
- Turn left onto Leta Dr. 308 ft

From the North

- Take exit 135 toward Academy Blvd.
- Turn left onto S. Academy Blvd. (CO-83) 1.3 mi
- Take ramp toward Bradley Road 0.2 mi/
- Take the 3rd exit from roundabout onto Bradley Rd. 1.0 mi
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Meal tickets are \$15 each and include a 10 course pork tasting, wine and beer, as well as desserts. To register visit www.coloradoffafoundation.org

Meal provided by the Colorado Chef's Association and SoLo Culinary

Registration closes May 22nd, 2017

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: DICK THORPE @ 719-829-4483

Important Dates

The following are dates of State and Pomona activities that we have received in the State Office.

- May 6** Mancos Bloom Grange Fundraiser (Mt. Lookout Grange)
- May 10** Potluck at Enterprise Grange 6:30 p.m. Cinco De Mayo theme
- May 13** Florissant Grange Flea Market/Craft Show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- May 14** Mt. Lookout Community Supper 5:30 p.m. at Mt. Lookout Grange
- May 15** Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast at Golden Gate Grange 8-10:30 a.m.
- May 18** Police Department talk on Safety Tips at Wheat Ridge Grange
- May 19** Marvel Grange Potluck and Heath Coalition Program 6:30 p.m.
- May 20** Florissant Grange Pine Needle Basket Making Class 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- May 26** Rummage and Bake Sale at Golden Gate Grange 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- June 9** Golden Gate Grange History Night 7 p.m.
- June 10** Darden Pomona Picnic at Pleasant Park Grange at 12 p.m.
- June 11** Mt. Lookout Community Supper 5:30 p.m. at Mt. Lookout Grange
- June 15** Social, Potluck and Bingo at Wheat Ridge Grange
- June 17** Mt. Lookout Grange Centennial Celebration and Ribbon Cutting for New Addition at Mt. Lookout Grange
- June 17** Mountain Bike Experience, Florissant Grange, ALL DAY
- June 23** Great Plains Regional Conference (See registration form in this edition of the *Granger*.)
- June 24** Dryside Quilters at Marvel Grange
- June 24** Golden Gate Grange Community Business/ Services Event 1-4 p.m.
- June 30** Marvel Grange Local History Night 7:30 p.m.
- July 15** Maple Grove Grange Celebrating 150 Years at Maple Grove Grange
- July 21-23** Family Camp (See registration form in this edition of the *Granger*)
- July 29** Florissant Grange, Heritage Day Craft Show (Food and Ice Cream) 9 a.m to 3 p.m.
- August 12** Pancake Breakfast at Wheat Ridge Grange
- Sept. 21-23** Colorado State Grange Session in Colorado Springs SAVE THE DATE

Master's Message

Cindy Greer, State Master

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The Colorado State Grange executive committee approved joining the Farm Bureau in assisting Farmers in Northern Colorado affected by wildfires earlier this year. The CSG sent \$1,000 to the Farm Bureau Emergency fund. Past Master Karl Ramstetter established CSG Emergency Relief funds after a blizzard devastated southeastern Colorado several years ago. I remember our youngest son being quite the salesman for the One Good Cow Program. He was and is a good salesman, and who could say "no" to a cute little boy. Donations for the Emergency Relief fund can be sent to the State Grange office.

Harry and I attended the Grange Insurance Association annual meeting in Seattle. Many Colorado insurance members have been affected by GIA's decision to no longer insure people in high risk areas. GIA continues to offer Auto insurance and that is currently their biggest area of insurance. Darrell Larrigan, from California retired from the GIA Board. Paul Redner is Colorado's representative on the GIA Board. He lives near Ramah, CO.

In the year ahead, GIA plans to continue to find ways to better serve policyholders and agents. In 2017 GIA is excited to launch **GO QUOTE!** for Farms. This online quoting tool has been popular with agents on the personal lines side and will help set GIA apart as the premier farm carrier in the West. They also plan to introduce a new mobile application that will provide policyholders easy access to file claims, pay bills and show proof of insurance for personal auto on their mobile device.

Have you seen the National Grange's Good Day magazine? It's a subscription magazine that individuals can sign up for only \$14.00 for four issues a year. It's packed with lots and lots of articles. There is something in it for everyone!

Rural Broadband House Bill 1174, which would create an exemption allowing local improvement districts to raise funds for installing broadband infrastructure in rural parts of the state, was passed unanimously by the Senate Local Government Committee and heads to the full senate.

House Bill 1242, transportation bill received a first approval from the Legislative committee. This bill would use a mixture of existing revenue and a sales tax increase over the next 20 years to generate funding to expand and maintain Colorado's transportation infrastructure.

National Grange Legislative Director shared the following information:

Farm Bill — Similar to tax and healthcare reform, farm bills are not easy to write or fast to adopt. In fact, the last farm bill failed on the House floor in 2013 before sufficient compromise finally mustered enough votes. This time around, Congress is starting the process early. House agriculture subcommittees have completed several hearings and more are scheduled to cover all titles in farm bill legislation. A key element of upcoming farm bill deliberations will be a strong and cohesive farm-food coalition committed to keeping agriculture and food assistance programs linked together in one legislative package. If this alliance breaks apart, passage of a 2018 farm bill could be in jeopardy. The National Grange has strong policy supporting the food assistance-agriculture linkage to provide long-term food security to all American citizens.

Non-traditional agriculture programs face reauthorization in a new farm bill. These programs include beginning farmer and rancher development, organic agriculture research, fruit and vegetable incentives for SNAP (food stamp) recipients, value added producer grants, rural micro-entrepreneur grants, farmers market and local food promotion, and organic certification cost share.

Where does the farm bill money go? According to the Congressional Budget Office, projected cost estimate allocations for the five-year Agriculture Act of 2014 (2014-2018) are 80% food assistance/nutrition, 8% crop insurance, 6% conservation, 5% commodities, and 1% all other.

What resolutions will your Grange be considering concerning the Farm Bill?

DO YOU FARM OR WORK WITH FARMERS OR RANCHERS?

PLEASE SHARE THIS TO HELP SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT AN IMPORTANT HEALTH-INSURANCE SURVEY!

This study is a joint effort with the NORC Walsh Center for Rural Health Policy, and the four USDA Rural Development Centers. The survey is a chance for farmers and ranchers to make their voices heard about their experiences with health insurance and how that affects both their economic development and family's quality of life.

Take the survey by typing this URL into your web browser:

<http://bit.ly/2kWuJws>

Results of the survey will be kept confidential.

Visit the Colorado State Grange website
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A Positive Point Of View

I hope spring has sprung wherever you live in Colorado. It is certainly in full motion here in Florissant. The Geese, Ducks, Robins, Bluebirds and Butterflies are back.... And so are the flies. Who cares about the flies when you have so many other beautiful things happening all around us?? I even have pussy willows blooming all along Conestoga Creek, which flows

through our property. I love spring.

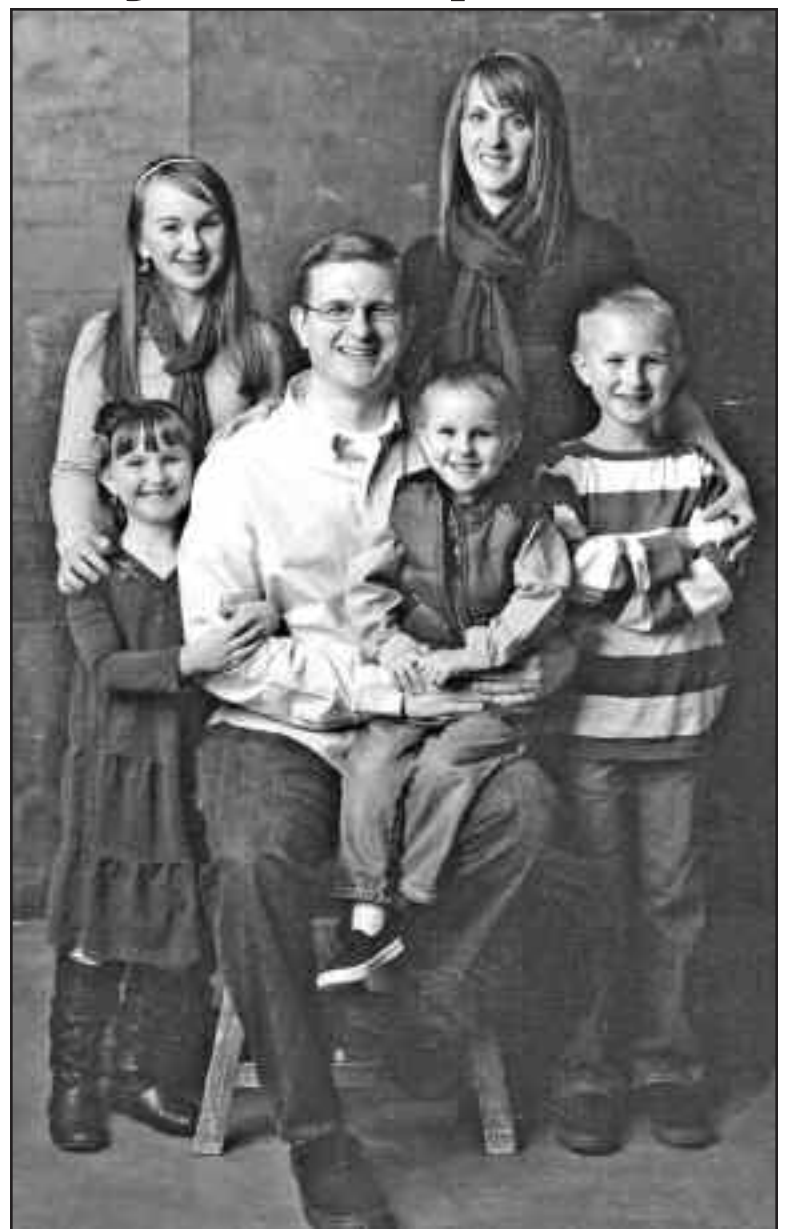
Here at the office, where I have a full view of Pikes Peak, it is a pleasure to come to work. Thanks to all of your prompt responses to my request for current updates on membership lists, the National Database I have been working on is really coming together. It is also wonderful how quickly you all respond to the request for articles for the Granger. Thank

Mandy Project Recipient

Briel Pankratz of Highlands Ranch, Colo., is a 13-year-old who has a hearing loss and is in need of a hearing aid. She has four siblings ranging in age from 13 years to 4 months. Briel attends Cresthill Middle School. Briel has approximately 60 percent hearing loss in her left ear. They are not sure of the cause of this conductive hearing loss, possibly Stapes Fixation from birth. They have watched her hearing over the years to see if it has worsened or not and as she's gotten older she can't hear the teachers at school. Only having one ear at 100 percent hearing has become an issue with school work. Doctors have said that surgery as an adult might be an option but for now a hearing aid would be very beneficial.

The family's goals are that they hope to get Briel a hearing aid so she can hear and participate in school and with friends at a more accurate level of hearing. They will get the hearing aid thru the Children's Hospital Colorado and it will cost \$2,650. Their insurance will not pay anything for the hearing aid. Her father has a two-year clerkship with a federal judge in Denver. They have also applied for assistance thru the Kiwanis Program thru the Children's Hospital. They are still paying off student loans so any help is appreciated. The Colorado State Grange Mandy project awarded this family \$500 toward her expenses.

Donations for the Mandy Project can be sent to the Colorado State Grange Office or to PICK at 7629 C.R. 100, Hesperus, CO 81326. Please make checks out to the Colorado State Grange or to PICK depending on which address you send the donation to.



The Pankratz Family



Chaplain's Corner

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State Chaplain

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Spring is such an exciting, busy time on farms and ranches. The mama animals are producing their offspring, spring flowers are blooming and seeds planted in the fall are beginning to show promise of a good crop.

As we enjoy the greening around us, we may want to recall some of God's wisdom and Jesus's instruction. God said, "As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it." (Isaiah 55:10-11, NIV) Jesus taught, "... unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds." (John 12:24, NIV)

How could we, as Grange members, benefit from taking these words seriously? God allowed our Granges

to be formed at some point in the past in order to "water" our communities and help them flourish. We have words from Him in our ritual, and we honor Him with the Bible open on the altar. His word will not return to Him empty, but perhaps we need to let a bit of the "seed" die in order to produce a crop.

In this case the seed could be the way things were done when our Grange was formed or even the way we did them twenty years ago. Perhaps the seed of "We've always done it this way" is ready to die in order to produce more for our Grange. Tradition is wonderful, but people change and our world has changed and is changing. May I encourage you to look at what might need to "die" in order to produce a new, abundant crop of members and useful community service? Remember that the plant is the same, the root will regrow and produce the fruit for which it was intended if we wisely allow God to do the growing.

Deadline For The July-August 2017 Issue Of The Colorado Granger Is June 15, 2017.

you all, it is greatly appreciated. AND, thank you all for returning the Property Tax Exempt forms. You make it so easy for me.... But if you have not returned it... better send it straight to: The Division of Property Taxation, 1313 Sherman St., Room 419, Denver, CO 80203 — and send me a copy so I know it was completed. Don't forget to do this or you will lose your exempt status.

April was quarterly report time, quarterly tax time, and Granger time so it has been a busy month. As of the printing of this Granger, we are into May and I can get back to the normal stuff here at the office.

On that note: A single act of kindness throws out roots in all directions and the roots SPRING up and make trees.

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As lecturers we are charged with providing programming including events, forums and functions for our Granges. As we plan these social and educational activities, I thought we might take a moment and ponder the mission of the Grange as is stated during their 150th year anniversary. Bringing our mission into reality is a challenge for our programming and the climate we create in our Granges.

The Mission Statement is as follows:

The Grange provides opportunities for individuals and families to develop their highest potential in order to build stronger communities and states, as well as a stronger nation. The Grange will accomplish this mission through: fellowship, service and legislation.

The Mission Statement further states that through fellowship we give our members the opportunity to meet with and get to know their neighbors in a safe, family-friendly atmosphere and that we provide a place where children, youth and adults can grow, develop their talents and social skills, and learn leadership techniques.

Continuing, the Mission Statement

states that through service we provide our members with the opportunity to discover and solve community needs. We give assistance to individuals in crisis. We provide a great place for community networking.

Finally through legislation, the Mission Statement states that as Grangers we have a grassroots approach to local, state and federal legislative change, and we give our members a voice in state and federal government forums.

Quite a mission, right? No wonder we have stayed around and been viable across our nation for 150 years. I venture to imagine that in all those years, all of the local Granges across the country have impacted our government, our society and our members in countless ways and improved life in America in a manner that is incalculable.

I hope, as we go forward, that we remember what a blessing our organization truly is to our society, our community, our members and their friends and families. Let's proudly do what we do and continue to benefit our members, communities, states and nation.

Tune In To Junior Grange

Dan and Jenna Greer, State Directors
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Spring Break is over and now we are looking forward to summer vacation!! The kids are definitely looking forward to some time away from school. What do you have planned for their/your summer vacation? Maybe a nice weekend getaway somewhere, or even a staycation where you stay home and enjoy some family time.

One of our favorite activities to do as a family is some good old fashioned camping. Not only do the kids enjoy eating campfire cooked food, mom and dad love the cleanup of paper plates. Wahooooo no dishes to wash tonight!!!

There are many different merit badges that a Jr. Granger can earn on a camping trip. Don't stop with simply earning merit badges, explore the wilderness and enjoy the creation that was made not by human hands but by the hands of the father in heaven. Do some research on edible plants, and pick something new to try.

Let us know what your summer plans are on our Facebook page: Colorado State Junior Grange, shoot let's plan a fall camping trip around one of our many natural attractions here in the state of Colorado. We are looking forward to hearing from you!!!!

On to a different topic now: let's discuss when is the best time to plant your garden, since we are still growing the Jr. Grange we need to plant some seeds, right? Well I try to plant



the Jr. Grange seed every chance that I get. When I get a call from someone looking to have their 5-year-old join 4-H I definitely encourage them to join the 4-H as a clover bud, but I highly recommend that they make contact with the local Jr. Grange leader because there are far more opportunities for children 5-8 in Jr. Grange than there is for that same age group in 4-H. So when you're out at any event where there are children, or even better parents, plant that seed of how much their children could grow when they become a Jr. Grange member. Who knows we might just end up growing our Grange membership by reaching out to kids and parents.

I know that it has always been said that the youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow, I think that we should change our mindset and say that the youth are the leaders of today, and the Juniors are the leaders of tomorrow.

— In Memoriam — James Akers, 1939-2017

James Allen Akers passed away April 5, 2017, at Penrose Hospital in Colorado Springs, after a short illness. Jim was born October 10, 1939, in Hooker, Oklahoma, to Cecil Vaughn and Ida (Hohweiler) Akers. He is survived by his son Ryan of the Calhan home, and a sister, Darlene Ansley of Three Forks, Montana. He married Eva Ann Grundeitz on December 29, 1977. He was preceded in death by his parents and wife.

Mr. Akers was a member of Ellicott Methodist Church, Mountain View Grange, Pikes Peak Pomona, State and National Grange. He was a supporter of NRA, and volunteered many hours with Angel Food Ministries and Meals on Wheels.

Jim served a short time in the Air Force after High School graduation, and became a clerk with Civil Service. Jim and Eva enjoyed travels to Ireland and a cruise to the Baltic Sea area later in life.



James Akers



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We hope everyone is able to participate in the many Family and Women's Activities Events to be held at the State Session in September.

There was a bit of confusion about the quilt block pattern for this year. Amanda Brozana, National Lecturer in 2016, had selected the Spiderweb quilt block pattern, but with the

change of a new National Lecturer, Christine Ham, and a copyright issue, a new quilt block pattern has been selected for 2017. It is Garden Path Star, to be done in greens and browns with accent colors reminiscent of the earth and agriculture. The size is 10-1/2" x 10-1/2" and must come unfinished. Further information was in the

March/April Colorado Granger. The pattern can also be found on the National Grange Website.

The National Grange Quilt Block Contest is one key to help us share in the celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the National Grange in 2017. We are hoping that you can share your creative talents with everyone!

Health Awareness

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Time to Exercise.

Wait before you pass me by, exercise can be as simple as just moving our body a little more each day! Take walking for instance; how many steps do you take a day? Our growing lack of physical activity has increased our risk of chronic health conditions such as high blood pressure, diabetes, coronary disease, etc.

Walking is considered one of the best exercises since it requires almost 200 muscles. Walking is safe, inexpensive, fun when shared with a friend, and almost everyone can do it! Walking can be done anywhere, in your home, around the block, at the mall, on the farm, at the office, etc.

How will walking benefit you?

- Increases cardiovascular fitness
 - Reduces Stress
 - Gives you more energy
 - Tones your muscles
 - Enables you to get more restful sleep
 - Reduces your risk of developing many serious health problems
 - Helps you lose weight and keep it off
 - Enables you to maintain your current weight
 - Makes you feel good!
 - Provides time to chat with a friend, spouse, or reflect on your own
- Let's go for a walk. There's no better time than right now. Start slow and if you can't get outdoors you can always walk in place or in your home. See you on the trail!

Youth News

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FAMILY CAMP
July 21-23, 2017
Glenwood Springs

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Family Camp is for all ages. EVERYONE is welcome. You do not need to be a Granger!!!

There will be activities for all ages

such as hiking, swimming, talent shows, workshops and much more. You are responsible for your transportation, everything else is included.

Call Charlene at 720-347-7161. There is limited space. Make your reservations right away. (The cost for children is different. Call Charlene for more information.)

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Summertime is upon us and with it brings county fairs, art shows, and other public expos. At our last Pomona meeting, we voted to have a booth at the County Fair. We are in the process of putting together the logistics of how this will work. At a minimum, we are going to have a banner (easy to customize a banner with various online companies) and promotional material at our table.

This booth somewhat revives a tradition that Granges had when I first joined in the '80s. It was not unusual to have four or five Grange booths at our County Fair. It gave us a visibility and put us in touch with potential members.

So — think about doing something similar this summer. If your Pomona is not active, contact a neighboring Grange and see if they want to share the costs and booth volunteering. The budget for our booth is under \$200 (\$100 for the booth space, which we are negotiating since we are a non-profit) and the banner will be under \$50 (reusable for future events).

Good luck if you pursue this and enjoy your summer!

2017 State Session
September 21-23!

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by David H. McCord,
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For years CSU's College of Agricultural Sciences has generously invited the State Grange to participate on the CSU President's Agricultural Advisory Council where staff share updates on projects, research, programs, industry perspectives and related, and allows us to join in a round table including Colorado agriculture representatives. I attend and earlier John Hagen attended. The following are comments from the April 13 meeting held in Fort Collins.

Hosted by Dr. Ajay Menon, Dean, he shared the vision for the College (paraphrased here) — Unquestionable global preeminence in agri tech and agri business focusing on the safety, security, and sustainability of food and resource systems to enhance the well-being of humans, plants, and animals.

The college has obtained and continues to seek the very best agricultural faculty and practices a campus-wide presence for agriculture, e.g. mathematicians are asked to cover agriculture issues in their work and the same with other disciplines. The college seeks integration of agriculture in all campus pursuits.

This session included industry perspectives and asked Robert Sakata, Sakata Farms, Brighton, and President

of Colorado Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association and Jim Ehrlich, Colorado Potato Administration to speak to us on their industries.

Robert: The CFVGA began in 2014, the same year as the listeria outbreak, and was formed by a group of farmers as the go-to resource for Colorado fresh fruit and vegetable farmers connecting Colorado growers with industry, government, academia and consumers to strengthen and expand Colorado fresh fruit and vegetable production. A current activity is to address FDA's food recalls — given today's info age, disease sources can readily be traced back to the source.

CFVGA challenges and opportunities:

- no nation-wide organization — they are outreaching to California and Arizona growers
- small community, there are specific crop groups throughout our state
- limited cash resources. The Colorado Dept. of Ag is helping seek grants.

Next: continue to build, find sustainability funding, and increase membership/sponsorship. See <https://coloradoproduce.org>, for more.

Jim Ehrlich, Director, Colorado Potato Administration, San Luis Valley. The administration dates to 1941 and is a marketing organiza-

tion.

- There are 160 potato growers in the valley.
- They fought efforts by the USDA to remove potatoes from the school lunch program.
- Potatoes are the third most important crop in the world after wheat and rice.
- China recognizes potatoes as highly important in that country's future.
- Top five potato states: Idaho, Washington, Wisconsin, North Dakota, and Colorado.
- 48,000 people live in the valley, 5,000 connected to ag with 4,400 in spuds
- Challenges: water. Growers depend on near surface ground water, only 7 inches precip. per year, and they have a mandated goal to increase ground water levels through taking land out of production and reducing water use (or the water engineer could shut off wells).
- Access international markets: U.S. fresh potato consumption has declined causing a search for export market opportunities. Mexico provides a \$40-\$50 million market but due to agreements, Colorado potatoes can only extend 26 kilometers beyond the border.

Research in Ag tech and Ag biome, Dr. E.L. Leach, Assoc. Dean for Re-

Great Plains Deadline Extension

The Great Plains Regional Conference registration deadline is extended to MAY 15. Please get your registrations in soon. Thanks to those who have registered. I have also included an updated schedule with the General/Junior tour information. Don't forget to call the hotel and reserve your room(s) as well. Please contact Mandy Bostwick, Kansas Youth/ Young Adult Director, with any questions: mandybostwick@gmail.com. Please share with

the members in your state.

Hotel Information:

DoubleTree by Hilton
200 McDonald Drive
Lawrence, KS

For room reservations call 785-841-7077 and mention Kansas State Grange. (Must call before 5/31/17.) \$109/night plus tax.

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PLEASE FILL ONE OUT PER PERSON

Registration Fee

\$75 (Ages 14+)

\$30 (Ages 13 and below)

Registration Deadline: MAY 15th

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____

Phone # _____

Mode of Transportation _____ Vehicle _____ Fly _____ Other *specify* _____

Participating as:

_____ Junior (5-14) _____ Youth/Young Adult (14-35) _____ Lecturer/Membership/Other

Public Speaking

Prepared Speech _____ ages 13-19 _____ ages 20-29 _____ ages 30+

Elevator Speech _____ ages 13-19 _____ ages 20-29 _____ ages 30+

Impromptu Speech _____ ages 13-19 _____ ages 20-29 _____ ages 30+

Junior Prepared Speech _____

Sign-A-Song

_____ Novice _____ Hobbyist _____ Expert _____ Group _____ Junior (ages 8-14)

Sign the Alphabet (ages 8-14 only) _____

Send completed registration forms and money to:

Mandy Bostwick
Kansas Youth/Young Adult Director
9578 110t Street
Ozawkie, KS 66070

Checks Payable: Kansas State Grange Youth/Young Adults

REGISTER ONLINE <https://form.jotform.com/mandybostwick/2017greatplainsregistrationform>

**** Any dietary restrictions, please contact me via email mandybostwick@gmail.com

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Biome is a new term to me — for ag it largely refers to plant-associated microbes that impact plant health, positively or negatively, pest resistance, and yield. In brief, biome is the microbiota inhabiting the world around us. For example Dr. Leach explained, Russian wheat disease virulence is related to aphids; their stylus penetrates the plant but the damage is from associated bacteria. Another, when plants are in stress, the biome changes completely, so understand, detect, and diagnose the disease. Technology — use sniffing device in the field to determine microbiology of the test area. CSU has 30 faculty experts building a biome focus on campus to utilize new technology. How human are we? About six pounds of microbes exist in our bodies — a modification of these can impact our health. Examples:

- microbiome science in controlling calf diarrhea can influence human child health understanding.
- Research biome of liver abscesses in cattle
- Meat science — biome research can prevent spoilage and lengthen shelf life

Dr. Amy Charkowski, Department Head, Plant Pathology, on crop security and reductions caused by disease and pests with a loss about 40% of production (twice higher in other countries). The goal is to find and identify bacteria that impact crop health. Soil samples have been obtained from fields in San Luis Valley

Granger Deadline And Guidelines

June 15, 2017, is the deadline for articles for the July-August 2017 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.

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

Name of Grange
Contact person (with a phone number)
Upcoming dates

in an effort to identify soil bacteria that influence quality of the planted potatoes, possibly 1000 microbes. Variables are soil pH, too low, too high, not enough water, and crop rotation.

End of Part I to be continued in next issue with comments from Dr. Tony Frank, Chancellor of CSU and former Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsak, Advisor to CSU National Western Center.

by John Hagen,
CSG Agriculture Co-Director

The irrigation season starts soon and there is good news this year. Snow amounts, and available water are above average in all basins. The snow supplier has been kind this past winter. With only a small exception in the southeast corner of the state, drought has abated. A perfect time for more reservoirs to retain the abundant water.

Farmers/ranchers in Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas continue to try and recover from the wild-fires that devastated many acres, destroying livestock, buildings, hay stacks, and fences. Help has poured into the burn areas in the form of loads of hay and fencing supplies from many farmers/ranchers from many states. One surprising event came out of the tragedy, many high school and college students spent their Spring Break, not on ski slopes or resorts, but building fences or doing what was needed in the area. Hooray for enterprising young people.

Brief summary of what has been happening 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)

National Grange Has A New And Improved Grange Store

Links to both the Grange Store @Monroe Classic and the Grange Supplies Store @National Grange are below and on the National Grange website.

There are a lot of new items available for sale.



www.promoplace.com/grange

www.grangestore.org



National Grange Priorities



Increase Active Membership and Participation at each Community Grange

Develop New Leaders and give them opportunities at each Community Grange

Revitalization of Community Granges as a State Priority

New Community Granges

Re-emphasize and strengthen the family structure through the Junior & Youth Programs

Priorities adopted by
Colorado State Grange



Darden
Jefferson County

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

Saturday, June 10 — Darden Pomona Grange Picnic at Pleasant Park Grange in Conifer at 12 p.m. Bring a potluck dish to share.

July 15 — 150th Birthday Celebration of National Grange at Maple Grove Grange, 3130 Youngfield St. in Wheat Ridge. Everyone is invited to attend this special event.

The tentative agenda is as follows:
10 a.m. — Presentation of the flag by Boy Scouts
Recognition of community members
Viewing of table displays of Granges in Darden Pomona
11 a.m. — Liz Masterson and Cowboy Poet Program Suggested donation \$10
12 p.m. — Lunch is served
1 p.m. — Presentation by Jeanne Davies
Continual photo display of Granges in Darden Pomona
Come join us for a fun time!
Idella Lewis

Enterprise

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

May 10 — Potluck at 6:30 p.m. Theme is Cinco de Mayo. Planning session for 150th Anniversary of the Grange to follow.

June 14 — No meeting.

July 15 — 150th Anniversary Celebration.

August 9 — Potluck at 6:30 p.m. Planning for 2017-2018 Year and for the State Grange.

Enterprise Grange held their Annual High Tea in February. Over 65 people were in attendance and it appeared that everyone was having a wonderful time. The proceeds for the tea this year will be used to go toward the installation of a new furnace in the Grange Building.

On March 8 Ed Talbot returned as our speaker. This time he told us about being a member of an Earthwatch team that worked in Peru's flooded Amazon region to conserve the wild-

life in the area. The wildlife consists of pink river dolphins, primates, macaws, giant otters, exotic fish, etc. What he also filled us in on was the spiders, the bugs and the snakes... Oh, My! Jim is a very informative speaker and shares many unusual and exciting experiences he has that very few of us will ever be adventurous enough to enjoy. His lecture and his slide shows bring these fascinating details and adventures right into our Grange Hall for everyone to appreciate while being highly entertained.

On March 22 members of Enterprise Grange, Mike Lackey the Master and his wife Carol went to Agricultural Day at the Capitol in downtown Denver. With an estimated 900 people in attendance, the event was highlighted by a cook-off competition that featured the teaming up of local chefs, lawmakers and ag representatives, creating dishes with Colorado-grown foods

The day also included remarks from the President of the Colorado Agriculture Council, Julie McCaleb; Governor John Hickenlooper; Senator Jerry Sonnenberg, Chair of the Senate Agriculture Committee; and Representative Jeni Arndt, Chair of the House Agriculture Committee.

In 2016, the Ag industry's product and monetary contributions to Colorado's five Feeding America food banks totaled up to over \$16 million. Noteworthy, to say the least.

This year during our Community Service Night in April, the Community Service Citizen Award recipient was Jim Calm. He was born in Chicago, moving to Colorado in 5th grade. His parents, Bill and Mary Calm, encouraged him and provided him with many opportunities in music. Music was always important to his family. He graduated from Arvada High School, earned a B.Mus.Ed from CU Boulder and a M.Ed from Lesley University. He had a career as a music teacher until he retired 9 years ago. During that time, he also has been a professional musician performing at Shakey's Pizza, Organ Grinder Pizza and with the Queen City Jazz Band. He has been a church musician at Green Mountain Presbyterian, Riverside Baptist, and is currently Music Director at Arvada Presbyterian Church. In 2005, Jim was part of 1700

harmonica players under the Seattle Space Needle earning a spot in the Guinness Book of Records. He and his wife, Rita, are longtime Lakewood residents and have two children and four grandkids.

Jim's organ club, the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the American Theatre Organ Society (www.RMCATOS.org) meets monthly and presents concerts at the Holiday Hills Ballroom & the Paramount Theatre. He is past-president, program planner, newsletter editor and one of the bottle-washers who gets things done. The club recently installed a fine digital theatre organ in the Lakewood Cultural Center hoping to find new audiences for this fading art form. They were instrumental in getting the organ donated to the Cultural Center. Calm and a few others from the organ society spent many volunteer hours working with the organ and making sure each note from every instrument option on every key of the organ had the correct sound and was amplified in the best possible way. He was featured in *The Denver Post* playing this organ in January 2017. Jim has an organ trailer with Touring Organs on wheels that he uses to bring organ music to audiences in senior centers, community centers and almost any charity where he can help to put a smile on someone's face. He also uses this trailer to find new homes for rescued organs.

The Postmaster in one of the small towns where he taught (who was also the wife of the superintendent and a member of his church choir) once told him, "the secret to getting things done was to ask someone who was already busy and they would find the time". His hope is that our society won't forget that we need to be nice to each other and find the time to work together.

Awards were also presented to the following for their Years Of Service to the Grange family. Thanks to everyone for their loyalty and dedication to the Enterprise Grange!

- Andrea Broomhall 50 Years
- Lisa Cole 40 Years
- Debbie Koontz 30 Years
- Eileen Figliolino 25 Years
- Dorothy Dannels 20 Years
- Peggy Brett 15 Years
- John Sworder 15 Years
- Leonard Dannels 10 Years
- Ashley Lackey 10 Years

- Carol Lackey 10 Years
- Mike Lackey 10 Years
- Wendy Heath 5 Years
- Joe Koontz 5 Years
- Amy McClure 5 Years
- Lisa Mittan 5 Years
- Merry Whyman 5 Years

The "Strummers" a banjo group from Arvada Presbyterian entertained us with a sing-a-long prior to Jim Calm's Presentation.

We will begin planting our first plot at our local community garden this year in May directly across from the Grange Hall. Everyone is excited to be able to support our community in this way and are looking forward to the fruits of our labor.

We welcome all Grangers and friends to any and all of our activities and look forward to your attendance.
Carol Lackey

Maple Grove

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

Darden Pomona 150th Birthday Celebration Saturday, July 15, 10 a.m.-2 p.m at Maple Grove Grange.

Maple Grove Grange met in March and April with a potluck dinner followed by the meeting.

Cookbooks were donated to anyone who would like them by Ray Wilson from the collection of Nonie Wilson. Whatever was left over was donated to the used book sale at the Action Center.

Marlys Halbeisen searched through the historical scrapbooks to find pictures for Kathy Wardle to assemble for the picture show at the 150th Birthday Celebration in July.

The Agriculture Committee Report was given by Idella Lewis who attended the Agriculture Day at the Capitol March 22. Governor Hickenlooper gave the opening speech, telling how agriculture contributes billions to the state's economy. Don Brown, Commissioner of Agriculture, spoke about the concern for the future of farming in the state, with many young people not going into farming because of the expense and the desire to live in the city rather than in rural areas. Following the speeches everyone enjoyed tasting the foods prepared by professional chefs using Colorado products. It is always an informative day!

The Legislative Report was given by John Cruz. There is a concern about the growing, harvesting, and distribution of food raised in this country. We need people who are willing to work hard with long hours and we depend on others to get the job done here.

The Youth Breakfast Fundraiser was a success. Money was added to what was collected at the door so a total of \$500 was donated to the Youth Department. Thank you to all who helped and attended this event.

We welcome another square dance group who will be renting our hall starting in June.

It is good to see Marge Gatlin again after her health problems this past year. Welcome back!

Marion Cruz is recovering well and we miss seeing her.
Idella Lewis



Enterprise Grangers and Friends who worked so hard to make the High Tea a huge success.



Ed Talbot, March speaker, a member of the Earthwatch Team.



Jim Calm, Community Service Citizen Award Recipient.

Wheat Ridge

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

1st Thursday of each month is the Business meeting.

2nd Monday of each month — Game Day — Bunco and Potluck, 12 p.m.

3rd Wednesday of each month — Fund Raiser Gambling (meet at 44th and Lowell Safeway Parking Lot. 9 a.m.

3rd Thursday of each month — Social — 6:30 p.m.

April 20 — Community Night Celebrating 110 years as a Grange. 7 to 8:30 p.m.

May 18 — Police Department talk on safety tips, (call Charlene for times).

June 1 — Closed for cleaning and some remodeling.

June 15 — Social, Potluck and Bingo (call Charlene for times).

July 6 — Election of Officers at our business meeting.

July 15 — Maple Grove Grange, Celebrating 150 Years.

July 21-23 — Family Camp.

August 3 — Planning the next year at our Business meeting.

August 12 — Pancake Breakfast (call Charlene for times).

Charlene Porter

Pleasant Park

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

May 13 — Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed by Potluck Lunch.

June 10 — Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed by Pomona Picnic.

July 8 — Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed by Potluck Lunch.

Prayers are needed for Barbara Gray, and Jean Kuehster who are dealing with health issues. Sharon Minick and Sue Alegrezza are doing well after their surgeries.

We welcome new member, Larry Lindauer.

Jean Kuehster will be celebrating her 90th birthday on July 31. We are so blessed to have her as an active member in our Grange. She continues to be an inspiration to everyone.

At the March meeting, Eric Fisk gave an update on his project Osiris Rex.

The Chili Dinner was a lot of fun and several neighbors dropped by to see what the Grange is all about. Our new information board covers most of the details about this special organization.

At the May meeting a representative from Jefferson County will talk about identity theft for seniors.

The Bicycle Rest Stop is open. There have been several riders even with the much needed snow we have had up here. We look forward to having a successful year with their kind donations.

The plan for this year is to make
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Boulder County
Boulder County

Liberty Hall

Contact Bobby Clevenger, 303-589-6752, or bobby727@hotmail.com for further information.

3rd Thursday of every quarter — Business meeting at 6:30 p.m. — April 20 and July 13.

We have a new lecturer and look forward to many informative meetings.

Bob Clevenger

Progressive
Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas & Elbert Counties

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

Progressive Pomona held their March meeting at Grandview Grange Hall after a great luncheon. We took in one new member.

Our next meeting will be at Castlewood Grange Hall, on June 24. We will start at 12 30 p.m. with a potluck lunch. We would love to have some resolutions to consider.

Judy Harrison

Darden
Jefferson County

Pleasant Park

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many repairs to our historic building like refinishing the wood floor and painting inside and outside.

The Pomona Picnic will be held on June 10 this year. Everyone is welcome!

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 Donna Beck at 303-907-9855 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 14 — Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast, 8 to 10:30 a.m.

May 26 and 27 — Rummage and Bake Sale, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

June 1 — Grange Meeting, 3 to 4 p.m.

June 9 — History Night, 7 p.m.

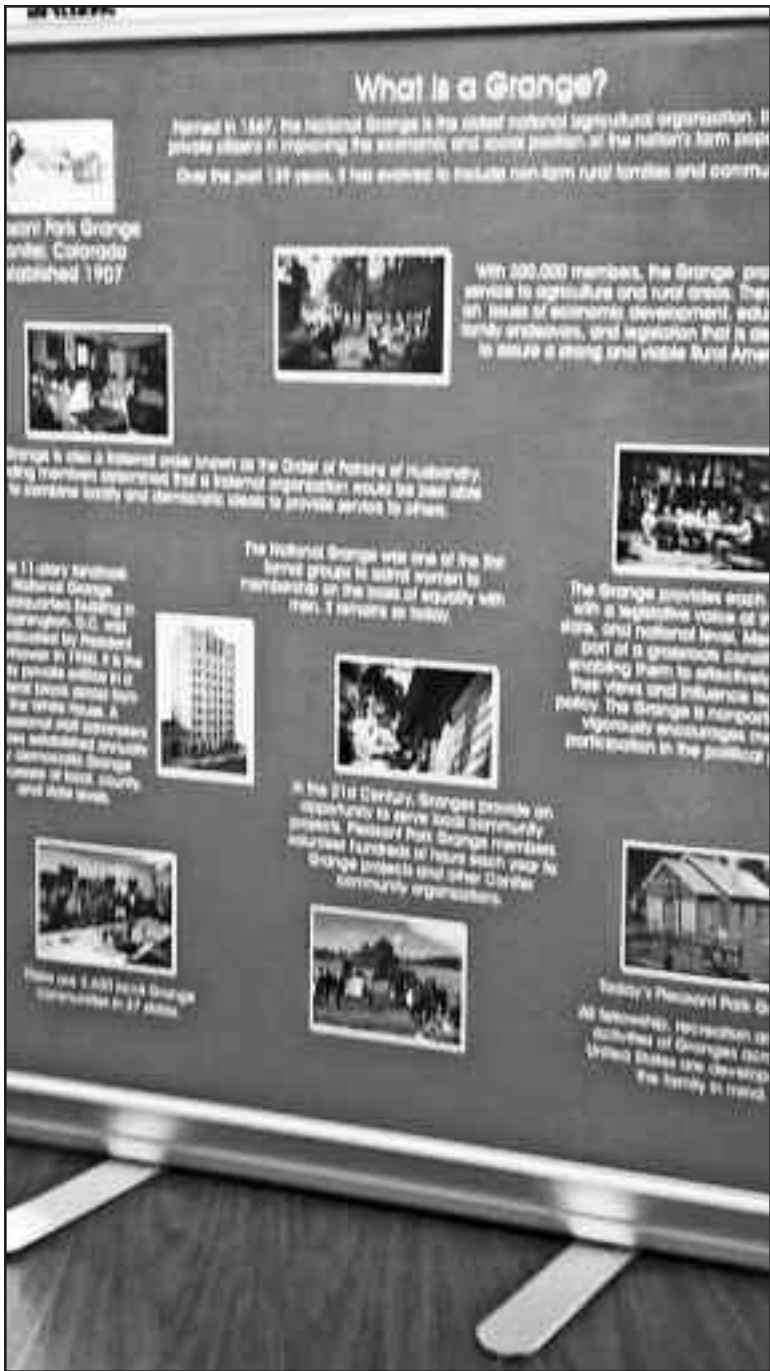
June 24 — Community Business/Services Event, 1 to 4 p.m.,

July 6 — Grange Meeting, 3 to 4 p.m.

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

The First Annual Community Chili Cook-Off was held on March 18. Community members competed for the bragging rights to the best Chili in the Canyon. Phoebe Reese was the winner! Funds raised will go to help with the many repair projects planned for the Grange building. Thanks to all who participated as cooks and all who attended. Special thanks to Pam Low for the prize aprons embroidery.

Eggmania was a fun event for the whole family, where we provided all the decorating materials for Easter egg dying followed by an Easter Egg Hunt. Thanks to Alyn Hansen, Elisa and Michal Hansen, Kim Trost, Terri Costeldia, Elle Phillips, Phoebe Reese, Janet and Dave Primmer, Roger Potuzak and our Easter Bunny,



Grange information board at Pleasant Park.

Brenna Eberhart.

History Night brings together the community with some of the long-time canyon residents many of whom are members of our Homesteader families. Great stories of yesteryear will be told. We hope to have a video presentation of the life of Lela White Green. Lela grew up on the homestead that is now White Ranch Open Space Park and then when she married Paul Green, they ranched on property that is now part of Golden

Gate State Park.

We are looking forward to our Rummage and Bake Sale on Friday, May 26 and Saturday, May 27. Donations will be welcomed the week before the sale. We would appreciate donation of your gently used items. Come to the sale and find a bargain or maybe a treasure! Clothes, kitchenware, tools, furniture, books, decorations, collectibles, jewelry, linens, sports equipment and more will be for sale at bargain prices. If you have any questions or would like to sign up to help, call Phoebe Reese 303 277-1742.

We will hold a Community Business/Service Event at the Golden Gate Grange on June 24. We have invited a variety of local business, service providers, Open Space, Golden Gate Fire Protection District to attend. Do you need some one to help with fire mitigation, a good realtor, or information on reliable tradesmen? Come and meet with the experts!

Pancake Breakfasts 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 and kids \$2, but in May Moms eat for free! Treat your mom or grandma to breakfast at the Grange on her special day, Mother's Day, May 14. If you would like to help, call Janet Primmer 303 239-6789.

Yoga classes continue to be a popular offering at the Golden Gate Grange. We have several fellows who are regular attendees, so don't be shy fellows ... join us for Yoga!

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

Rich Phillips

Ute Mountain
Dolores and Montezuma Counties

Mount Lookout

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

May 6 — Mancos Bloom Grange Fundraiser, 3-7 p.m.

May 9 — Officers meeting 5:30 p.m.

May 14 — Community Supper 5:30 p.m.

June 6 — Officers meeting 5:30 p.m.

June 11 — Community Supper 5:30 p.m.

June 17 — MLG Centennial Celebration and Ribbon Cutting new addition.

Mount Lookout Grange is in the

final stages of completing a building project which adds 420 square feet, expanding the existing kitchen and adding a community food pantry. The project began in late January after a fundraising organization, Tiospaye, helped raised \$60,000 in cash and in-kind donations for the project on behalf of Mancos Food Share and Mount Lookout Grange. This project enables the Grange to house a certified commercial kitchen and provide space for a food pantry that is managed by Mancos Food Share, a non profit group that distributes food and commodities to those in need. With a permanent home, the group will be better able to distribute fresh food from local farmers. The commercial kitchen will be available to the community for rent, and to use for producing food that can then be sold. The project is expected to be completed by early to mid May, and our ribbon cutting will coincide with our Mount Lookout Grange Centennial celebration on June 17.

The Grange will host a fundraising outdoor BBQ (brats, burgers, salad) with no host bar and pie/cake baking contest on May 6. This will also include children's activities and our annual May Pole and live music. Everyone is invited. Our centennial celebration planning committee is working on an exciting line up of activities to mark this historic milestone, to be held on June 17.

Carol van der Harten



Mount Lookout Grange expansion project is nearing completion.

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

Mt. Allison

Contact Larry Corman, 970-884-4762 or Larry_Corman@hotmail.com for more information.

Upcoming events:

• May 15 — monthly Business Meeting at 7 p.m. (Grange Hall).

• June 19 — monthly Business Meeting at 7 p.m. (Grange Hall).

We are wrapping up a busy spring. This next week will see us having our Easter Supper, Achievement Night,

and the 9Health Fair. Lots of work and a lot of teamwork!

We enjoyed going to Animas Valley for their visitation day April 1. It was a good turnout (all Pomona Granges were represented!) with good food and fellowship (and good program). I encourage each of you to take the time to visit other Granges on their visitation nights. It is a great time for fellowship and to learn what other Granges are doing.

We voted at our last meeting to sponsor one teacher for the Colorado Foundation for Agriculture Summer Institute for teachers that have little or

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Golden Gate Grange Chili Cook Off Chefs: Julie Golike, Randi Bott — Top Chef, Winner — Phoebe Reese, Nancy Bachman, Connie Gallegos, Greg Penkowsky, Terri (for Bobby) Costeldia.



Dyeing Easter Eggs at the Golden Gate Grange.



Easter Egg Hunt at the Golden Gate Grange.

Florissant

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

May 13 — 9 a.m.-3 p.m.: Flea Market/Craft Show.

May 20 — 9 a.m.-12 p.m.: Pine Needle Basket making class.

July 29 — 9 a.m.-3 p.m.: Heritage Day.

March and April are busy months at our Grange. Although at this writing, two of our scheduled events haven't happened yet I do have a few items to report on.

A Pine Needle Basket making class was held on March 4 and it was quite successful. There were nine people in attendance this time. A very good turnout indeed. There's another of these classes scheduled for May 20 so, if you'd like to learn how to turn those nuisances into a "nice-ances," our resident basketmaker Renee can show you.

The weather was good and many shoppers turned out for our Spring Craft Fair on March 11. Many items were available from our local craftsmen and women. Items to wear, eat, write with or just "pretties" for the home were on display. Amazing what some of these crafty people come up with.

Our Children's Easter Party was held on April 1 (no foolin!). The weather was snowy and bleak but, we had a fantastic crowd of little ones. At least 40 children managed to talk their folks into coming to see the Easter Bunny. 288 eggs were hidden around our hall by the "big guy" and as soon as all the snow melts, we'll know if all of them were found during the hunt. (It was suggested that next time we use white eggs to make it more challenging!) Photos were taken, crafts were made by little hands and goodies and stuffed toys were handed out. I can honestly say a good time was had by all in attendance.

We celebrated the 85th birthday party of Marguerite Sloan at the Jam session on April 13. She had a great time and danced with our Master Alan

Caldwell, while he was still playing guitar, showed off her birthday cake and was surrounded by friends old

and new who celebrated with her. April 15 we are hosting a Chickens 101 class and April 29 is our Chili



Easter Bunny with his giveaway goodies.



Kiddos lined up for the Easter Egg Hunt.



The Grange Hall crowded with kiddos.



Easter Bunny Jerry McLaughlin gets ready.



Easter Bunny and Master Alan.



85th Birthday Party for Marguerite Sloan.

May-June 2017, The Colorado Granger, Page 7 month or so.

Cook-off/Dessert Auction but, I'll have to fill you in on those next time. Also, we are hoping good weather will come to stay this month so the roofers can start on a new roof for our old school house. As soon as the tar will stick, the work will commence! This project has been a long time in the making and HOPEFULLY will be completed within the next

As always you're cordially invited to attend our Potluck/Jam Session every Thursday evening starting at 6 p.m. Music starts around 6:30 p.m. Bring a dish, a musical instrument or both! Or just stop in and enjoy the evening. Everyone's welcome. Y'all come by now!

Ed Oppermann



Easter Egg Hunt — snow and all.



Spring Craft Sale Shoppers and Vendors.



Aspen Ridge Lotion Candles by Regina Sollars.



Hand painted glass by Jeanette Zupancic.



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

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no agriculture background. This is an excellent program (we have several thank you notes over the years) which supports agriculture. I encourage each Grange to consider this worthy cause — it is a great way to continue our agricultural roots in Colorado.

Larry Corman

Marvel

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

May 19 — Potluck — Health Coalition program — 6:30 p.m.

May 27 — Dryside Quilters 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

June 2 — Business Meeting — 7:30 p.m. — Program.

June 24 — Dryside Quilters.



Moana McKinzie Greer demonstrating Hula Dancing.

June 30 — Local History Night program only — refreshments, 7:30 p.m.

February 25, 65 people enjoyed the luau food, the Sleeping Ukes and Moana Greer performing. It was a very enjoyable evening.

In February we also supported the Fort Lewis Mesa Elementary school read-a-thon by providing several prizes for the participants. The kids made their principal into a s'more.

The Pioneer 4-H Club hosted a box supper and dance on March 11 and had a nice attendance and were able to make a little bit of money for their projects.

The hall was used for a memorial service and dinner in February and a couple of ditch companies used the hall also. It was reported that the money we raised from the Dessert auction in January was used to help four local families with their electric bill.

We had a program on pocket gopher and mole control at our March meeting.

March 17 we gathered for a St. Patrick's Day potluck and program. Not enough showed up to line dance.

April 21 we celebrated Marvel Grange's 60th anniversary and the 150th year of the National Grange



A member of the Sleeping Ukes playing Gourds.



The Sleeping Ukes.

with a potluck supper and honoring an outstanding community citizen and Granger. More on this event later.

May 9 we catered the Basin CO-OP Banquet at the La Plata County Fairgrounds. Thank you to everyone who helped out.

Cindy Greer

Marvel JGs

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We met in March and worked on our recycled crafts, the junior pledge, learned about the new Merit badges available from National and played some games. We served a Senior Citizen lunch on March 27 to 14 Senior Citizens. Only one junior Grange

Colorado State Grange Website

Larry Corman takes care of the web page for the State Grange. He is requesting that Officers and Directors contact him with updates for their departments.

He would like to link the web page of each Grange to the State Grange site. Please contact him to have this done so Grange members and others can easily access your page for information.

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member was available due to school Spring Break. Gavin Dougharty did a great job serving the Senior Citizens.

We are meeting on the second Tuesday at 5 p.m. during the school year at the Grange Hall.

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