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## Betsy Huber Will Be Our Guest From National For State Session

Betsy E. Huber was born and raised on a dairy farm in Chester County, Pennsylvania. She has been a Grange member since the age of 5, was active in the Junior Grange, and held many offices in the Community and Pomona Granges, including President.

From 2002-2010, Betsy served as President (referred to in the Grange as Master) of the Pennsylvania State Grange, the first woman to hold that position. Previously she served six years as Vice President (known as Overseer) and held many other positions on the state, county, and local levels of the Grange. Following her term as State President, she returned to the State Grange as Government Relations Director for three years until she was elected President of the National Grange in November 2015 — also the first female to hold that position. She also serves as Executive Secretary of the Pennsylvania Young Farmers Association and as a Trustee of The Pennsylvania State University from 2005 to present.

From 1992 to 2002, Betsy was the Legislative Assistant to State Representative Arthur Hershey in his district office. Prior to that, she was employed by Lincoln Univer-



Betsy E. Huber, President, National Grange of the Order Of Patrons of Husbandry

sity for three years and by the National Grange for seven years as secretary to the Women's Activities Department.

She served 24 years as a Supervisor of Upper Oxford Township, Chester County, and served as Treasurer of the Chester County Association of Township Officials and on several committees for the State Association. Other board memberships include PA FarmLink, PA Department of Environmental Protection Ag Advisory Committee, the PA Alliance for Livestock Care and Well-Being, and the PA State Council of Farm Organizations where she served as President for two years. She represented the Pennsylvania State Grange on the University of Pennsylvania, Veterinary School Board of Overseers from 2002 to 2015.

In November 2006 she was elected to the National Grange Board of Directors and in November 2007 she was elected Chair of the Board, serving until 2014.

For 39 years, she was married to Henry T. Huber, who passed away in 2006. They are the parents of three children and grandparents of eight, with two great-grandsons.

## Great Plains Regional Conference Recap

by Cindy Greer

Master, Colorado State Grange

Harry and I attended the Great Plains Regional Conference in Lawrence, Kansas. There were representatives from Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas and Colorado. The National Youth Director Charlene Espenshade and the National Junior Director Samantha Wilkins were present. National Lecturer Chris Hamp made an appearance via Skype. Friday evening we gathered for snacks and worked on three community service projects. Some made dog toys out of T-shirts, others tied fleece blankets and the rest decorated socks with puff paints for the elderly. Saturday morning the Youth left to participate in a Challenge course while the Juniors learned some sign language, made scrapbook pages and learned about the Awareness Project on Honey Bees.

There are several YouTube videos about bees on the Internet and the "Magic School Bus" has a special show on honey bees. So if your Grange needs a program you might consider checking out some of the YouTube possibilities.

There is an opportunity for all Grangers to become certified in Code Book reading and Roger Bostwick, Kansas State Master and Assembly of Demeter Priest Archon, instructed the group in reading the Grange Code Books. We learned that *the Grange is not a secret organization, but an organization with secrets*. If the Grange were a secret organization only members would know about it and we all know that many people who are not members know about the organization.

Via Skype Chris Hamp shared information about the National Grange Photography Contest, Program in a Box Contest and the Quilt Block Contest, as well as the plans for the Quilt Exhibition at National Session. They are looking for vendors to participate

and the cost for Grange vendors for the three-day expo is \$100. Commercial vendors space is also available. Donations from the Western Region states are providing the prizes for the contests she talked about. They are hoping to draw a big crowd from the Spokane, Wash., area for the event. The Tours at National for Youth and the general population will be the same this year.

The Program in a Box is to be submitted online if at all possible and it can cover a wide variety of topics. Maybe a member of your Grange will want to develop a program on maintaining a vehicle properly or how to use a fire extinguisher or on their occupation. The possibilities are limitless, but the program needs to be promoted in order for it to continue.

The Honor Program honoring different occupations (Policemen, First Responders, Nurses, Teachers, etc.) certificates can be obtained from National headquarters and each certifi-

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## Important Dates

Call individual Granges for more information.

- Sept. 9 Golden Gate Auxiliary Pig Roast, 5 p.m.
- Sept. 9 Darden Pomona Meeting, Potluck Dinner and Installation of Officers, 5 p.m.
- Sept. 16 Marvel Grange Pomona Exhibit Day
- Sept. 21-23 Colorado State Grange Session in Colorado Springs
- Sept. 23 Marvel Grange, Dryside Quilters Meeting
- Sept. 30 Marvel Grange Free Community Breakfast, 8-10 a.m.
- Oct. 1 Left Hand Grange, Music Open Stage, Monthly
- Oct. 8 Enterprise Grange Chili Dinner, 5-7 p.m.
- Oct. 14 Florissant Grange Craft Show and Sale, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Oct. 19 Wheat Ridge Grange Halloween Party
- Oct. 28 Florissant Grange Halloween Party, 1-3 p.m.
- Oct. 28 Wheat Ridge Grange Trunk or Treat on the Green
- Nov. 16 Wheat Ridge Grange Harvest Dinner

Doug and Kim Wiley of Larga Vista Ranch in Boone. Doug will be our special guest speaker at this year's State Session.



## State Session Speaker

Doug Wiley of Larga Vista Ranch in Boone, will be our special guest speaker at this year's State Session. He is particularly knowledgeable about the challenges facing small, diverse, multi-generational family farms. He is a third generation farmer. The Larga Vista Ranch is nestled on the bluffs overlooking the Huerfano River near its confluence with the Arkansas; their family has farmed and cared for the land for more than 80 years. Great-grandmother Malone named this farm for the views of the beautiful mountain ranges to the west and the vast prairies to the east.

Over the years, they have always understood the importance of good stewardship of the land and water resources we have been entrusted with in this community. Our respect and gratitude for the vision of our ancestors continually anchors our hopes and dreams for the future while guiding our decisions to ensure the sustainability of this community for generations that follow.

During the past 20 years, they have eliminated the need for pesticides on the farm through the use of crop rotation, intensively managed irrigated pasture development, and sound animal nutrition practices. This has allowed them to move into the produc-

tion and marketing of high-quality meats and vegetables. Intensively managed mixed-species pastures are the foundation of our soil-building rotation. Livestock are rotated through lush pastures during the growing season and fed stored forages during the short winter period.

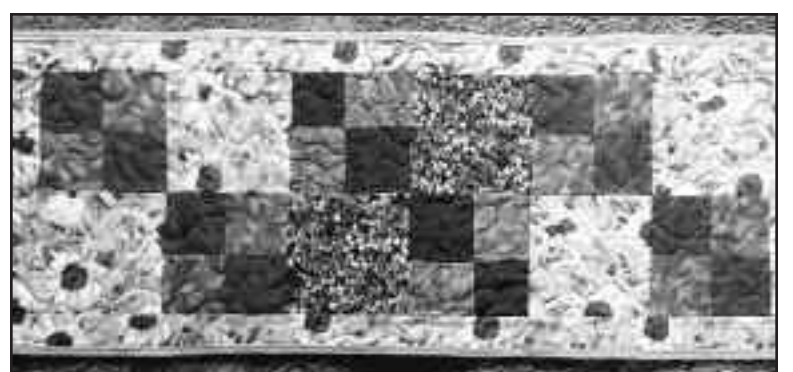
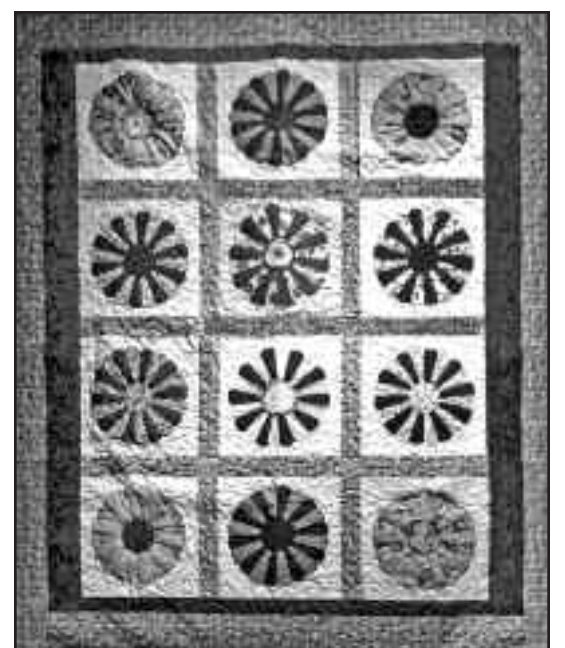
Soil fertility is maintained and improved by the animals themselves and through the use of compost, soil minerals, and supplemental micronutrients. All of these factors combine to create a viable soil mineral cycle, which provides the basis for healthy plant and animal nutrition, producing meats and vegetables of unsurpassed flavor and quality without the use of pesticides, antibiotics, hormones, and genetically modified organisms (GMOs).

They are becoming more concerned with the direction the food production and distribution system has taken over the past 30 to 40 years. The main goal seems to be to deliver cheap, fast food with little regard for nutritional quality or freshness. As they have learned the importance of fresh, nutrient-dense grass for the health of our livestock (and ultimately ourselves), they have also begun to realize the need to develop markets for locally grown food.

## Get Your Raffle Tickets In

Please get your raffle tickets in for the drawing on September 23. If you are mailing them in they need to be at 7629 County Road 100, Hesperus, CO 81326 no later than September 19. If you or your delegates are bringing them to State Session they need to be in the bucket prior to drawing time.

We especially thank Jim Greer for supplying the train tickets and Karen Baxter for all her hard work on the quilt and table runner.



# Master's Message

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What's so important about State Session? If you've never been to a state convention or a national convention, it's a great time to meet other Grangers from around the state or nation. It is a good place to share ideas, and get new information. State and National Convention are the places where the policy for the State and National Grange is set through the resolutions that are sent in by Subordinate and Pomona Granges. The committees meet and discuss the pros and cons of the resolution. Most of the time those committees make a recommendation. The resolutions that receive a favorable recommendation are

then presented to the delegate body and more discussion takes place with a formal vote, which is where we get our policy and the things we try to support over the next year. If there is Grange policy that you disagree with this is your opportunity to present information to try to change that policy.

State Session is the place where we can recognize the achievements of our local subordinate Granges through awards — Membership, Community Service, Lecturers and Achievement to name a few. The Mandy Project presents certificates to the Granges who have made donations this past year. Individuals receive awards for the items they send in for exhibit and judging, some of which are selected to be sent to National to represent our state.

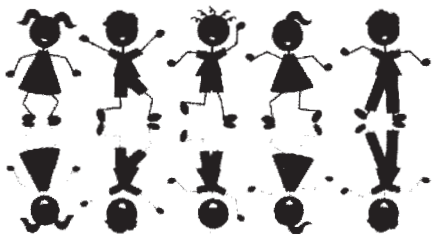
This year is an election year at State Session and the delegates will be electing state officers for the next two years.

Granted, attending State Session is costly and time consuming, but we hope that your local subordinate Grange will help your delegates financially. State accomplishes a lot in the two and one-half days we meet. If we had more people attending the state convention it would be easier to book a block of rooms at a hotel/motel that could possibly give us a reduced rate, but that means that people need to choose to utilize that block of rooms and meet the deadlines. We have chosen to utilize facilities that are not too costly for the State Grange that meet our needs. If you know of a location that has a large meeting room, a kitchen and dining area, and an exhibit area that can house the numerous exhibits we have, that is a reasonable price, please share that information with us. Motel/hotels are expensive. Most of our Granges with adequate space have stairs and no elevator which puts them out of the picture for those with mobility issues.

If you haven't attended State Session before I encourage you to at least give it some serious consideration and become a part of the process of establishing policy, celebrating achievements, sharing ideas and learning more about others to improve your own local Grange. The State Grange officers give the Sixth Degree on Thursday evening; if you are not a Sixth Degree member this is your once a year opportunity to receive the degree. Join us for the Friday night at the Gala or at Saturday night's Celebration Banquet to celebrate your achievements and recognize an outstanding Granger.

We're very excited to have the National Master Betsy Huber joining us for Thursday and Friday this year. I hope to see many of you at State Session, I look forward to seeing old friends and new friends.

## Friends



Join us!!!

## Silver and Gold Gala

(Make new friends, but keep the old)

Friday, September 22 • 6:30 p.m.

Dessert Served • Entertainment: Lark Song Duo

— Wear Your Bling —

Good Shepherd United Methodist Church  
1201 Leta Dr., Colorado Springs

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# Notes From The Secretary

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### A Positive Point Of View

Up here in the mountains we are cooling off just enough that the willow leaves are starting to turn to yellow. I hate to see summer go, but it brings us to fall, which is usually beautiful, so how can anyone complain?

Here at the office, State Session preparation is still in full progress. I hope as secretaries and as Officers and Directors you all received your packets, and that you saw the last *Granger* full of all the needed information. There is one change that happened after we sent them out... and that is the Alumni breakfast at Denny's. Many Denny's restaurants in the

area were shut down because of unpaid taxes... and, of course, the one we were going to is one of those that was closed. So the Alumni Breakfast will be held at the Good Shepherd Church and presented to us by P.I.C.K. A huge thanks to P.I.C. K. and Master Cindy Greer for taking this task. If you have some questions regarding this breakfast or anything else, please feel free to call or email the State Grange Office.

In the packets for the Secretaries that you received is important paperwork to fill out. Please fill it all out and get them sent back to this office or wherever it states you should send them. It is important to return every-

## Chaplain's Corner

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"Do you remember when...?" That sounds a lot more fun than, "Did you remember to...?" because too often, I didn't. Does God remember? Mostly, the answer is "yes."

In Genesis 9: 15, God told Noah, "I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind." Never again will flood waters destroy all life. We're told in Exodus 2:24 that He remembered His covenant with Abraham. The Psalms frequently tell us God remembers His covenants.

However, in Jeremiah the LORD declares a new covenant, one in which the law is in our minds and written on our hearts. He continues, "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more." This is the new covenant [agreement] brought about by Jesus Christ — and it caus-

es God to forget! He remembers the covenant, but chooses to forget our sins when we are in agreement with the covenant.

(If you don't understand that, let's talk. Please email me, call me, or see me at a Grange meeting.)

Speaking of Grange meetings, our State meeting is coming up. Please send information for the memorial service, where we read names of people who have died and for whom money has been sent to the State Grange. Those funds are used for scholarships.

We also memorialize any past state officers and delegates (and their spouses) who have died. Will you please **remember** to send the information in plenty of time? The secretary of each Grange was sent the form.

## Claudia's Corner



by Claudia the Skunk from the National Grange Herd

We have been traveling quite a bit this summer! And it's been wonderful seeing Colorful Colorado and Grangers in all part of the State.

In June we made it to Enterprise Grange's potluck and meeting. We tried to visit other Granges who normally meet the third week of June, but with summer, meetings had been changed or postponed, means that we will just have to try again.

This year we've seen a few fields of bright yellow flowers which we decided were saffron; boy, were they bright. We ventured to Redlands Mesa Grange in Hotchkiss for a potluck supper and found local fresh cherries and the biggest apricots we've ever seen. They were very

tasty. We made a stop at Russell Stover's in Montrose, too. Yum, Yum! The Redlands Mesa Grange is one of two Granges in Colorado that has a commercial kitchen, which we got to see for the first time. PICK has been instrumental in helping them get grants for that kitchen. Mount Lookout Grange in Mancos is the other Grange with a commercial kitchen which we visited earlier.

We went to Kansas for Great Plains Leadership Conference. Every Grange leader should make an effort to attend one of these conferences. Next year's conference is in Nebraska and in 2019 it's in Texas, and then in 2020 it will be in Colorado.

We went to Family Camp in Glenwood Springs with 42 others. Some were non-Grangers which was good. Everyone had a great time, enjoyed the hot springs, the vapor caves or the caverns (caves) in the area. We took two different routes to and from Glenwood Springs and saw lots more of Colorado's beautiful scenery.

I hope that you took time to attend your county fair or the Colorado State Fair. These are great places to meet more people and learn more about your own county or the state. See you at State Session.

## Granger Deadline And Guidelines

October 15, 2017, is the deadline for articles for the November-December 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](mailto:costategrange@gmail.com).

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

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

Brief summary of what has been 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)

thing so we can be ready for State Session. There are also forms to fill out for Membership and current Officers. These help us keep track of how our membership numbers are doing and the current Officer report helps us get the Roster current and printed on time. So please get those reports back to us right away.

Also, PLEASE... It is also important to write your resolutions and get them to the State Office prior to State Session. These need to be typed up and printed and it helps us if we are not trying to do it all at State Session.

I have received most of your 2nd Quarter Dues paid before State Session. Thank you. If you have not gotten those sent in... please send those right away. And it is OK to send those 3rd Quarter Dues now as well.

Thanks everyone and remember: Even though you are on the right track... you will get run over if you just sit there.

## Ag In The Classroom Thank You Letter

La Plata Pomona Grange # 10

Thank you members of the La Plata Pomona Grange!

As a self-proclaimed "city-girl" I registered for the Food, Fiber, and More class wanting to get more information on farming, agriculture, and livestock for my own benefit and then possibly bring some "ag" excitement to my classroom. I have found this week to be completely FASCINATING and beneficial to say the least! Not only have I learned so many things for myself and my backyard garden, I have plans to introduce some of what I learned to my 1st Grade classroom as well as share with my co-workers back at school. I have really enjoyed seeing agriculture life IN ACTION and seeing the processes involved in getting our food from the fields to the store shelves. Truth be told, growing up I never really thought about where the Food came from and how it got to the shelves at King Soopers AND I assumed that it would ALWAYS be available. This has been an incredibly eye opening and enjoyable experience for me and I truly thank you from the bottom of my heart for your support. Your generosity made it possible for me to foster an excitement for agriculture in young kids and hopefully, "recruit" some future farmers!

Thank you so much again — I LOVED this experience!

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"The Grange is committed to an issue-based grassroots mechanism which allows us to support civic leaders based on policy rather than local politics. Although we do not support individual candidates, we strongly encourage our membership to engage in local politics and elections that can better the communities they serve. We open our Grange Halls for candidate debates, issue forums and other civic meetings and strongly believe that voting and participation in our governing systems is a civic responsibility." ... National Grange Website.

As November approaches, although it is not a major election year, many small civic and county elections are underway. Subordinate Granges can enrich their community by hosting a debate, issue forum, or candidate night. We must strive to be non-objective and fair in our presentation. Such efforts, however, are definitely encouraged and will also benefit your Grange if presented fairly. Both sides of an issue should be presented and all candidates should have

the opportunity to participate.

Another great lecturer program would be to write and submit resolutions to the State Grange. "Our policies at the National Grange are born from the local and state Granges across the country. Legislative proposals, called resolutions, are brought forth by members and debated by State Granges. Those that pass at the state level are brought before the National Grange Convention and debated, with passing resolutions becoming National Grange Policy, available in our Journal of Proceedings and Legislative Policy Books. Policy at the National Grange is developed by membership and implemented by staff in a truly grassroots fashion." ... National Grange Website.

Let's remember and reassert that we are more than a social organization. In the past, in the present and, hopefully, in the future we have the opportunity to affect local, state and national government policy. Let's strive to make legislative proposals in the form of resolutions an important part of our Lecturer Programming.

## Health Awareness

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### Health = FREEDOM

Do you agree?

Getting healthy and staying healthy just takes a few simple steps. Even though they are simple, doesn't mean they are easy! Just navigating the supermarket in today's world takes a lot of work. Here are a few helpful tips:

1. Shop the perimeter of the grocery store, avoid the aisles.
2. Eat more food that grows on plants and less food manufactured in plants! In other words consume more whole food and less processed food.
3. Drink plenty of water (we covered this one before), your body is approx. 60% water and every organ in your body requires water to function properly.
4. Get adequate sleep. Sleeping burns

calories.

5. Exercise. What is the best exercise? The one that you will do. Make it fun. Whether walking, hiking, golfing, bowling, gardening, etc. enjoy it!
6. Manage stress. Listen to music, eliminate anything that causes stress! Practice deep breathing, meditation, read, enjoy nature, or whatever it takes to manage stress.
7. Practice prevention. Prevention is easier and less expensive than finding a cure.
8. Eat breakfast like a king, lunch like a prince and dinner like a college kid with a maxed out charge card and have healthy snacks in between!  
Laugh and smile often and practice gratitude.



## Youth News

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Family camp was a blast! What a great place. Thank you Cindy Greer for finding and booking the camp. Thank you everyone who came — pitched in and helped throughout the weekend. We were rather spread out but we got our exercise from going from one end to the other playing games, laughing and having fun. Everyone had a great time!

Plans are already being made for next year (if I am Youth Director). We may be going to Alamosa and stay at the Roadway Inn to enjoy their pool and other activities. Thursday

and Friday plans may be to go to Alligator Farm. Saturday plans are to do a day trip to "The Great Sand Dunes" to play in the sand and water. Anyone who can or would like to join us is invited. Reservations, costs and schedule are being discussed and will be decided soon. Next issue I will have more details and a flyer at the State Convention.

We need Youth and JGs to march in on Saturday morning at the Convention. Let me know if you can do this.

I am looking forward to this next year. See you at the Convention!

**See You At  
The 2017  
State Session  
In Colorado  
Springs  
September  
21-23!**

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In 2016 we had 44 entries in the baking contest and 32 entries in the needlework contest. Several new categories were added and several categories were divided into more workable units, making it easier for the judges to judge. We need to have more entries in the sewing categories, both adult and child garments.

Men are also encouraged to enter in both the baking and needlework events! It was decided to have all entries in both the baking and needlework contest be Grange members in good standing, and not have entries sponsored by a Grange member.

In 2016 the National Quilt Block Pattern was Dresden Plate. Since our State Session was held after the due date for the entries, we did not have a quilt block contest at the state level, but instead had anyone who wanted

to make a quilt block just send it directly in to the national contest. We had several quilt blocks that were sent in to be made into a quilt at the national level. Baby blankets that were donated were given to those less fortunate in the Denver area. Items were collected at the 2016 State Session to be given to the local chapter of Blue Star Mothers in Durango. This is an organization for mothers of men and women serving in the military overseas that collects a number of useful items including toiletries, paperbacks, batteries, hard candies etc.

Thank you to everyone who entered the contest events at the State Session and who have donated items at their local Granges and at the State Session which help to make the day brighter for those in need. It is greatly appreciated!

The State Session will soon be upon us. We hope everyone is finishing up on their entries and will be attending the State Session in Colorado Springs. Entries will be accepted from 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. We would like to encourage everyone to think about entering something in both baking and needlework contests.

Remember that entries in both the baking and needlework contests need to be made by a Grange member in good standing. This is a change over previous years, when entries could be sponsored by a member. Several of the categories in both the baking and needlework contest have changed. Remember that just one entry per class is allowed. Check the insert that was in the Granger for specific rules. It is also on the Grange website.

## Tune In To Junior Grange

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Well, county fairs are almost over and the State Fair should be well underway (or even over). Did you know that you can enter most Junior Grange projects at your local fair under open class? Or vice-versa if your kids made a fair project there is a good chance that they are able to enter them as Junior Grange projects.

We would like to send a special THANK YOU to the LaPlata Pomona Grange for allowing the Junior Grange to work the concession stand for the 4-H Dance on Saturday of the LaPlata county fair and donating all proceeds to the Junior Grange. We are one step closer to having a fun-filled weekend of fun now.

We had so much fun at the family camp this year in Glenwood Springs. We were able to have some fun and play some games. Some of us toured the caves while others relaxed in the hot springs, and others even visited the vapor caves (an all-natural sauna). Some of the kids got some fishing time in on the Colorado River; we enjoyed great meals (special thanks to Charlene for arranging all of those), and even homemade ice cream provided by the Greers. On our way up we even got to see a moose on Red



Mountain Pass!! You definitely won't want to miss out on next year's experience.

Where would you like to see the family camp next year? Durango (tour Silverton Mine, Train Museum, historic downtown and Second Street Tour)? Denver (tour the Pepsi Center or Mile High Stadium)? Pueblo? Grand Junction? Alamosa (tour the gator farm or Great Sand Dunes)? Colorado Springs (tour cave of the winds, Pikes Peak, Pro Rodeo, Olympic Center)? Just ideas let us know your thoughts.

As leaders we have been brainstorming new ideas that we might be able to do next year that would be fun for the whole family. One of the

ideas that we had was a fun-filled night at the zoo in Colorado Springs (Cheyenne Mountain Zoo). This would include dinner at the zoo, sleeping arrangements, breakfast, a night and morning tour, and admission to the zoo the next day. We have also considered a tour of the state capitol. Maybe a National Park day at Mesa Verde, or even some rafting adventure. What are your ideas, we would love to hear what your kids would like to do. We will be planning a fun-filled Saturday adventure during State Session this year as well. We hope that your kids and you can make it to the fun!!

The hardest thing that we do is trying to make everything affordable so we can have as much fun with as many Junior Grangers as possible and make it affordable. Some of the things we have discussed are fundraising opportunities. We have discussed selling Rocky Mountain Chocolate bars (locally made in Colorado) at different venues. We have also thought about partnering with Elitch Gardens in Denver, for every ticket we sell (at a discounted price!) the Junior Grange would receive a portion of the ticket price. If you have any other ideas to help the Junior Grangers raise money, we would greatly appreciate your advice.

Something to think about!! What did you do to help support the youth during the summer? Possibly volunteer at a church, 4-H, or even better Junior Grange!! We would love to hear your stories and ideas. Email us at djbngreer@live.com or send a message on Facebook, or even call us at 970-749-9449.

Looking forward to seeing you all at State Grange Session this year in Colorado Springs.



Family Camp was in Glenwood Springs this year.

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# Agriculture Report

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by David H. McCord,  
 CSG Agriculture Co-Director  
 "Ag gag" and Whistleblower Laws  
 Dismissed At Animal Operations



Several states, especially the mid-West and West, enacted so-called "ag gag" laws to preclude activists, or anyone, from carrying in hidden cameras and filming animal cruelty at industrial animal operation sites including farms, slaughter houses, feed lots, and similar, absent the owner's permission. Several have been struck down; Idaho in 2015 (though appealed) and Utah in 2016, others where similar laws were enacted include North Carolina, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, North Dakota, and Montana.

Judges look closely at First Amendment protection on free speech and the Equal Protection Clause where the law has been challenged with the Idaho decision setting a probable precedent for the other states. Colorado has no such "ag gag" laws though one was attempted and animal mistreatment has been recorded and reported. Activists working for or sup-

ported by groups such as PETA, HSUS, and the Animal Legal Defense Fund have filmed mistreatment – found to be fully legal from public roads and from within the operation's property. The ASPCA has been active in challenging the laws where enacted.



Such laws have been approved in the several states to overcome practices by animal rights groups to report possible abuses but also to protect agriculture research facilities from trespass and harmful damages.

Regarding the Utah dismissal, U.S. District Judge Robert Shelby stated: "Utah undoubtedly has an interest in addressing perceived threats to the state agricultural industry, and as history shows, it has a variety of constitutionally permissible tools at its disposal to do so. Suppressing broad swaths of protected speech without justification, however, is not one of them."

Footnote on "lean finely textured beef" so called "pink slime." Several

years ago the CSG approved a resolution supporting use of LFTB in ground beef products created by careful separation of protein from otherwise waste trimmings and scraps from beef carcasses. The product was produced by Beef Products Inc. and reported

quite negatively by ABC News where the pink slime term was used. BPI then sued claiming ABC misled viewers about the quality of the product resulting in a loss of customers. ABC, owned by Disney, settled for \$177 million in an "amicable" outcome.

## Mandy Project



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School has begun and with the beginning of school comes the screening of children for their eyesight and hearing testing, along with other health-related tests. This time of year we usually see some applications for the Mandy projects from families who are just learning that their child has a hearing loss and is need of services. Your donations to the project can help a family get the needed services for their child struggling with a hearing loss. Donations can be sent to the State Grange office or PICK at 7629

County Road 100, Hesperus, CO 81326. If you send your donation to PICK please make the checks out to "PICK" with a notation that it is for the Mandy Project.

Adults also need to have their hearing tested. There is legislation being considered to make over the counter hearing aid devices more readily available, just like reading glasses. For those on Medicare many of these needs are excluded because of a 1965 statute that limits Medicare's coverage of these items.

## Publicity

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I always like browsing through the National Grange website. It's being updated quite regularly and I came across another link that I wanted to share with you. If any of you or your Granges want to get word out (or receive updates) at the national level, take time to subscribe or post information to National. Here is the verbiage:

The National Grange is always happy to receive completed stories

about accomplishments of individual Grange members and community, Pomona and State Granges, as well as stories about agriculture, rural America and Grange programming, as well as story ideas. Completed stories will be considered for publication in the National Grange newsletter, the New Grange, as well as on the website.

And here's the link: <http://www.nationalgrange.org/subscribe/> or Larry\_Corman@hotmail.com.

## Community Service

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Thanks to everyone who submitted the Community Service forms and/or the OneBook for State Session. It has been a very busy year. Look back and think of what you and your Grange have done to help the community and then start planning what you can accomplish next year. It is never too early to start planning. We cannot wait to see how everyone is helping the community.



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**September 22, Friday, PICK Annual Meeting 8:30 p.m. or ASAP After Gala.**

We want to take this opportunity to thank Teresa Montejano for her leadership and efforts in organizing the Silent Auction at State Session for PICK. At our annual meeting at state session we will be electing officers and board members, as well as giving our annual report.

August 23 Rich Phillips from Golden Gate and I met with the Coors Family Foundation via phone to discuss Golden Gate Grange's project that we applied for a grant. We will know something in November as to whether or not the Coors Foundation will give us the grant. So as you can see the grant process takes quite a bit of time. We usually need to allow six months to a year when applying for a grant.

Please plan to attend our annual meeting on September 22 at approximately 8:30 p.m. at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church in Colorado Springs.

We appreciate any donation for the Silent Auction that you can bring or send.

## The Status Of Honey Bees — What's The Buzz?

**Colorado Department of  
 Agriculture Shares The Latest  
 Survey Data On The Health Of  
 Managed Honey Bees In Colorado**

Bee pollinators play a crucial role in natural and agricultural ecosystems and contribute over \$200 billion in revenue from vegetable, fruit and nut production in the United States. To gain a better understanding of current honey bee health in Colorado, the Colorado Department of Agriculture has taken part in the National Honey Bee Health Survey for the last three years.

"Scientific surveys and research on honey bee health bear out that the past decade has been challenging for beekeeping with a decline in managed hives in the US," said Laura Pottorff, CDA Division of Plant Industry's Apiary Program Manager. "Honey bees are a crucial part of our environment and the national survey provides a valuable insight into the state of managed honey bees in Colorado."

The Survey is an initiative sponsored by United States Department of Agriculture, Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA-APHIS) and the Bee Informed Partnership. Honey bee researchers agree that there are many factors responsible for the challenges facing the valuable pollinator:

- infectious pests and diseases of managed honey bee populations that are not being controlled properly
- loss of habitat and habitat diversity due to increased urbanization
- improper use of pesticides toxic to pollinators
- lack of genetic diversity in managed bee populations

A total of 67 apiaries (27% hobby and 73% commercial) were sampled over three years for the Varroa mite, several honey bee viruses that Varroa spreads, and a fungal disease called Nosema. Varroa mites are parasitic animals that feed on the hemolymph (blood) of bees. Not only do Varroa mites cause injury to a honey bee by itself, they are also responsible for spreading several honey bee virus diseases. If left untreated, Varroa mites can kill a colony in two or three years and are thought to be the single most significant reason for high colony loss numbers during the winter.

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## Darden

Jefferson County

Contact Idella Lewis, idellamlewis@gmail.com, 303-274-9390, for further information.

**September 9 — Darden Pomona Grange meets at Maple Grove. Grange Meeting at 4 p.m. Potluck Dinner at 5 p.m. Installation of new officers to follow.**

Darden Pomona Grange hosted the 150th birthday celebration of the National Grange on July 15 at Maple Grove Grange. Special guests attending were Colorado State Grange Master Cindy Greer and Harry Greer. Cub Scout Pack #111 Color Guard presented the flags to begin the day at 10 a.m.

Recognition was given to outstanding members of the community. The following individuals were recognized: Wheat Ridge Detective Nellie Gisconda; Wheat Ridge High School Principal (retired this year) Griff Wirth; Teacher Arianna Riveria; Student Stephen Stampfl; community volunteer Marian Hinkle; and 52 year Grange member Idella Lewis. Susie Knight, western entertainer and cowboy poet, provided music and songs of the west. Lunch was served for everyone and table displays were viewed, showing the work of the Darden Pomona Grange members, along with a continual video showing activities of the various Granges.

Following lunch, a presentation was given by Jeanne Davies, former Master of the Colorado State Grange and former Legislative Representative. She told of life on the plains, including a cattle drive on the Davies' Ranch in Deer Trail. It was very informative and we all relived the hard life of what life was like in the early days! The day ended with Jim Calm of the Organ Guild playing tunes on the Lowry Organ which he brought.

Thank you to all who came to help us celebrate this special 150th birthday of the National Grange, and all who helped make it happen. It was a special day that we will always remember!

Idella Lewis

## Enterprise

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

**Wednesday, September 13 — Potluck and planning meeting for the State Grange and the 2017/2018 Grange year.**

**Wednesday, October 11 — Potluck and planning meeting for the Chili Dinner**

**Sunday, October 8 — 5 to 7 p.m. — Annual Chili Dinner ALL YOU CAN EAT!**

**Location:** Enterprise Grange Building, 7203 Simms Street, NW corner of 72nd Avenue and Simms Street in Arvada.

**Serving:** Chili (Meat and bean, Green, Red, Vegetarian in all temperatures from mild to HOT.

**Also Available:** Cornbread, Hot Dogs, Chili Cheese Dogs, Chips, Dessert, soft drinks and coffee with each meal.

**Cost:** Adults — \$8, Children — 5 to 12 — \$5. Children Under 5, eat free. Tickets can be obtained from any member of the Enterprise Grange



Enterprise Granger visits Star Acre Farms Farmer's Market.

Visit the Colorado State Grange website  
www.coloradogranger.org

or by calling Dorothy Dannels at 303-425-0111 or Carol Lackey at 303-521-4477. All proceeds benefit the Jefferson County Senior Stocking Project.

Star Acre Farms is a small local farm located on the east side of Alkire near 83rd Avenue. We got involved with them this year through Enterprise Grange member Ashley Lackey. They have a Farmer's Market every Wednesday through Friday from 4 to 7 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in that location. On first Friday, they have a Farmer's Market Party with music, local vendors and produce. Stop by and pick up some of their fresh produce. They also participate in CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) Shares every year. All share options are for 15 weeks starting the end of June and ending around the first week in October. Mushroom and Colorado fruit shares are also available. For further information go to www.staracrefarms.com or contact Ashley at 720-309-5090.

Carol Lackey

## Maple Grove

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Maple Grove Grange met in August with a potluck dinner followed by the meeting.

Rex Halbeisen, Project Manager for Northwest Roofing, gave a very informative presentation on trends in roofing. Our hall roof must be replaced due to the terrible hailstorm in May which caused extensive damage in the area. He mentioned that the laws will be changing so claims should be in soon.

Welcome to our new member, Terry Mood. Bill and Marilyn Lane organized a Grange cleanup day in July. Jobs included windows washed, oven scrubbed, cupboards cleaned, rugs washed, piano polished, curtains vacuumed, tables and chairs cleaned, and weeds pulled. The floor was refinished in June. Renters who use our building were also invited to come and help and they did. We are now sparkling clean, ready to begin a new Grange year.

We decided to get rid of several of our old tables. They were set out by the street with a "free" sign and all six disappeared in one day. What an easy way to recycle something that we no longer needed but someone else could use!

Most officers will retain the office they held last year, with several changing to a different office.

Contributions of \$25 were given to Family and Women's Activities, Youth, Lecturers, and Hospitality Committees.

We are looking forward to attending the Colorado State Grange Session in September.

Idella Lewis

## Wheat Ridge

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

**Mondays — Game Day with 12 p.m. Potluck and Bunco to follow.**

**1st Thursday — 6:30-7:30 p.m. — members only business meeting.**

**3rd Thursdays — Community**



Tammy Caison spoke about her trip to Africa and her experiences as Ms. Universe at Pleasant Park in July.

**Socials.** (This is flexible due to activities arranged.)

**Wednesday Fundraiser — Casino Trips to Mardi Gras Casino in Black Hawk.** 9 a.m. — Meet bus at 44th & Lowell, at Safeway parking lot. (\$10 gets you five free plays and \$10 food voucher).

**September 21 — No Social — it is State Convention.**

**October 19 — Halloween Party.**

**October 28 — Trunk or Treat.**

**December 3 — Tree Lighting.** (Grange serves hot chocolate and treats.)

**December 21 — Community Potluck with Entertainment.**

WOW! Wheat Ridge Grange got the "cobwebs" out! Our upstairs received a much needed facelift and was painted thanks to our local improv group *Rodents of Unusual Size*. We swept, washed and cleaned out cupboards with a fury. Thanks to all who came and helped clean.

Due to the recent hailstorm in May of this year, (baseball size hail) we will be getting a new roof and several windows had to be replaced. Plans are in the works for a new look outside our building. We want to remove very old trees and put in a patio and handicap ramp. Cleaning seems like it is never done, but what an improvement so far!

We are still collecting food for our local food bank and mini toiletries for our local homeless community.

We recently signed up new members!

Charlene Porter

## Pleasant Park

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

**Sept. 9 — Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed by Potluck Lunch.**

**Oct. 14 — Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed by Potluck Lunch.**

**Nov. 11 — Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed by Thanksgiving Dinner.**

We enjoyed participating in the 150th year anniversary celebration at Maple Grove Grange Hall.

Longtime member Betty Long is in need of prayers. She has suffered with broken bones and heart issues. She is currently in a rehab facility until she is strong enough to go back home.

The repairs to our historic building have begun. The floor is finished and the ceiling plaster still has to be replaced.

Jean Kuehster celebrated her 90th birthday on July 31. Thank you to everyone who came to her birthday celebration after the July 8 meeting.

At the July meeting, Tammy Caison gave a talk on her trip to Africa and her Ms. Universe experience. At the August meeting, Bill Bruner gave a talk on safe travel for seniors.

The Bicycle Rest Stop is going strong. All the rainy weather hasn't stopped the riders. Teamwork of the members continues to make the project successful.

Keep November 11 open! Abe Lincoln will be our guest speaker after the Thanksgiving Dinner. Everyone is invited to attend. Abe will speak about 1 p.m. if you don't want to come for the meal.

Everyone is invited to come and join us at any of our meetings! Our

Lecturer has more interesting speakers scheduled.

Members of The Pleasant Park Grange voted not to rent the hall to outsiders for events or meetings. However, 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.

**September 7 — Grange Meeting, 3 to 4 p.m.**

**September 9 — Golden Gate Auxiliary Pig Roast, 5 p.m.**

**September 30 — Golden Gate Fire Protection Slash Event.**

**October 5 — Grange Meeting, 3 to 4 p.m.**

**October 8 — Pancake Breakfast, 8 to 10:30 a.m.**

**October 28 — Family Halloween Party, 6 to 8 p.m.**

**November 2 — Grange Meeting, 3 to 4 p.m.**

**November 11 — Holiday Craft Fair, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

**November 12 — Pancake Breakfast, 8 to 10:30 a.m.**

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

Pancake Breakfasts will resume in October. Pancakes, eggs, sausage,

juice and coffee will be served. Call Janet or Dave Primmer at 303-239-6789 if you would like to help.

The Golden Gate Grange is the venue for the Golden Gate Auxiliary's annual Pig Roast on September 9 at 5 p.m. This event supports the Golden Gate Fire Protection Fire Fighters. Come for the great food, silent and paddle auctions.

The Golden Gate Fire Protection District fire fighters will hold a slash event at the Grange on September 30. The community can bring slash to be chipped or can pick up chips for mulch. More details on this free event will be provided by email closer to the date.

Get your costume ready for the Family Halloween Party on October 28. This is a popular event for young and old.

The Holiday Craft Fair will be held on November 11th. We already have a number of crafters signed up to sell their wares. If you would like to have a table, please email Jayne at jayruesch@aol.com. Be sure to stop by to see the wide variety of crafts and artwork produced by our local talent.

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.goldengatgrange.com; Like us on our Facebook page *Golden Gate Canyon Community*.

Rich Phillips



Great Plains Leadership Conference participants in Lawrence, Kansas.

## Great Plains Regional Conference Recap

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cate has room for the local Master and Lecturer to sign them.

At the National convention the Grange Showcase will be highlighting only those states in the host region, due to the high cost of shipping items or transporting them with the state Master. They hope that by doing this they will be showing more flavors of the region and eliminating sending only those items that fit in a suitcase.

A discussion on how to keep your Grange motivated was led by Kansas State Lecturer Nathan Strawder. We were also reminded that the Grange's purpose can be found in the Declaration of Purposes and that the Grange has been and is still Teaching Farmers progressive methods of Farming. A question to ask yourself is: Where is a void in the community that needs filled? Recognizing the needs helps motivate people to help and to get involved. It is advised that each Grange re-vamp their long standing activities so that they don't get stale.

The National Youth Director advised us about a couple of fund raisers. They are have a Pie in the Face Contest. The goal is to get \$10,000 donated so that National Master Betsy Huber will get pied. Several other officers will get pied at different levels, but \$10,000 is the Highest Goal. Be sure to check out the Facebook challenge for the wanted posters. They will also be having a T-shirt fundraiser for the Youth department. The T-shirts will be \$20 with several colors available and \$10 for every shirt will go to the Foundation. T-shirts with rounded collars and V-necks are available. The T-shirts feature the founders with party hats in celebration of the Grange's 150th year.

Nebraska will be hosting the 2018 conference in Grand Island, June 22-24, 2018. Texas hosts after that and then it will be Colorado's turn again.

One final tidbit — Best Choice Labels from food products give non-profit organizations three cents (.03) per label. Best Choice foods can be found in Surefine Stores.

**Pikes Peak**  
El Paso and Teller Counties

**Florissant**

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

Oct. 14 — 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Craft Show/Sale.

Oct. 28 — 1-3 p.m. Children's Halloween Party.

It's been a busy summer for the Florissant Grange. The Mountain Top Cycling Club held their annual Mountain Bike Ride Experience at our place on June 17. Grange #420 provided breakfast and lunch. In between meals, participants were riding all over our scenic mountain roads here in the Florissant area. I could not be there this year. However, Renee assured me it was a VERY LONG but successful day. Having split crews of our wonderful volunteers was a great help. This was the fifth year they've held their event here so, I think that's a noteworthy accomplishment.

Heritage Day was July 29. There was great entertainment inside on our stage and a good variety of vendors outside. A surprisingly large number of people showed up under threatening skies. Fun activities for the kids and of course food and ice cream etc. for all ages. Mother Nature didn't let us down. She treated us with "liquid sunshine" late in the afternoon. Overall though, a fun time was had by all. We decided that next year our activities would include the ever popular Duck Racing, a fashion show of designer hip boots and ponchos and perhaps an Ark Drawing/Coloring competition for the children.

The Colorado chapter of the Western Music Association (WMA) and the Pikes Peak Cowboy Gathering (PPCG) held an all-day event at our Grange Hall on 5 Aug. The WMA performed in the afternoon and a dinner show that evening featured the PPCG performing songs and poetry. All the available tickets were sold and our little Grange Hall was packed! A cowboy style dinner was served with strawberry shortcake for dessert. Many compliments were given to our cooks and helpers. A rootin', tootin' good time was had by all in attendance. And no, not because we served beans!

Our Grange Hall has a new roof!!! The moon and stars finally aligned and the roof we've been trying to get replaced for about four years now is actually a done deal! Not saying we really needed it but, now you have to actually go OUTSIDE at night to see the aforementioned moon and stars. We had a "Raise the Roof" party on August 20 so, I'll fill you in on how that went in the next edition of the Granger.

**Flash Bulletin:** Starting September we will change to Wednesday nights for our Jam Session/Potluck. As always though, you're all invited to attend. Bring a dish (we love an assortment!) and if you play an instrument please join in our jam! Eats at 6 p.m., music starting at 6:30 p.m.

See you at State Session.  
Ed Oppermann

**Working**  
Adams, Morgan and Weld Counties

**Victory**

Contact Marge Sassman, 303-693-1656, for further information.

Victory Grange hosted its annual picnic this year at the Plains Conservation Center in south Aurora to emphasize use of the available picnic facility at the Center and to visit the State Grange Museum located there. Following lunch members and guests toured the Museum.

Guests included Jeanne Davies, Pat Quick, Charlene Porter, Marlys Halbeisen, and Lynn Myer. Victory Members were David and Marge Sassman and David and Kay McCord. Like all Grange functions, we had plenty to eat.

**P.S.** Given the current City of Aurora ownership and management of the Plains Conservation Center, the future for the Grange Museum there is looking very bright.

Marge Sassman



Grange #420 provided breakfast and lunch for the annual Bike Ride.



**Boulder County**  
Boulder County

**Left Hand**

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

**Business Meetings at 6 p.m. — Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8.**

**Music Open Stage — Our monthly Sunday music Open Stage series will start up again on October 1.** These events are hosted by Bruce and Marcia Johnson. The remaining 2017 dates will be November 5, December 10. Performers and listeners are welcome. Please contact Bruce Johnson for more information at 720-301-6367.

Fourth of July Parade in Niwot — Left Hand Grange members partici-

ated in Niwot's Independence Day Parade attended by an estimated 2,500 people. The Cub Scouts from Troop 161, sponsored by the Grange, carried our banner and we pulled a "float" — actually an antique wagon with a model of the Grange building built by member Dick Hicks (photo at right).

A highlight of the parade was the participation of newly seated U.S. Supreme Court Justice Neil Gorsuch who returned home to Boulder County to take part in the parade. Gorsuch, who was formerly on the U.S. 10th Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver, was sworn in as a justice of the U.S. Supreme Court in April. A number of Boy Scouts from Troop 161 got to meet and have their picture taken with Justice Gorsuch (photo below).

Bruce Johnson



Boy Scouts from Troop 161 with Supreme Court Justice Neil Gorsuch.



The Colorado Chapter of the Western Music Association and the Pikes Peak Cowboy Gathering event on August 5 at Florissant Grange Hall.



Left Hand Grangers participated in Niwot's Independence Day Parade

**The Status Of Honey Bees**

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"Nationally, surveys have determined that high Varroa mite numbers are particularly troubling for backyard beekeepers. Backyard or hobby beekeepers do not have appropriate Varroa controls in place," said Pottorff.

Beekeepers can learn more about integrated hive management including strategies for identifying and mitigating pests and diseases affecting Colorado's honey bees through

this booklet.

Additional Survey results can be found on the Colorado Department of Agriculture's National Honey Bee Health Survey webpage.

"CDA is committed to participating in the National Honeybee Health Survey, to further our understanding and strengthen the data so that we can make meaningful decisions toward protecting the future of pollinators in the State," continued Pottorff.

**Deadline For The November-December 2017 Issue Of The Colorado Granger Is October 15, 2017.**

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

**Marvel**

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

September 15 — Potluck and Planning meeting for 2017-18.

September 16 — Pomona Exhibit Day.

September 23 — Dryside Quilters.

September 30 — Free Community Breakfast, 8-10 a.m.

The month of July brought rain. Our Ice Cream Social honoring Veterans was held on July 16 with approximately 80 in attendance. Everyone had a good time even when the rain came.

Our Breakfast at the end of July had 82 in attendance. In August we helped at the La Plata Pomona Grange Concession at the County Fair. Our second activity in August was the Pomona Picnic on August 20 at Eagle Park in Bayfield.

July and August the Grange Hall was the site for a balance class on Monday and Wednesdays at 11 a.m. Our newest member, Brenda Isgar, offered the class for senior citizens in the area.

Election of officers was held in August with the following results:

Master: Roger Ayers

Overseer: Chris Nobes

Ex. Committee: Kathy Hogan (3 years)

Lecturer: Cindy Greer

Steward: Kathy Hogan

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

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

Next meeting: September 9, 2017.

We had our last meeting on June 24 at Castlewood Grange Hall. Attendance was low due to illnesses. We

A.S: Tom Campion  
L.A.S.: June Spriggs  
Chaplain: Brenda Isgar  
Treasurer: Jane Westgaard  
Secretary: Sheryl Ayers  
G.K.: Harry Greer  
Ceres: Norma Frame  
Pomona: Lila Greer  
Flora: Ange Nobes

Delegates: Roger and Sheryl Ayers; Alternates: Tom Campion, Cindy Greer.

Committees: Remain the same unless you notify Master.

GET WELL WISHES go out to: Lila Greer who had knee replacement surgery — August 2; Tony Nelson who has Shingles; Terry Spriggs who will have ankle surgery — August 11.

Cindy Greer

**Marvel JGs**

Contact: Cindy Greer herdgreer@frontier.net, or Jenna Greer djbngreer@live.com, or 970-588-3386 for further information.

We met in July and worked on one of our favorite craft categories, Nature Craft. We also played games, talked about Junior Grange Ambassador program and practiced our J.G. Pledge.

Cindy Greer

**Mt. Allison**

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

Upcoming events:

• Sept. 18 — monthly business meeting at 7 p.m. (Grange Hall).

• Sept. 21-23 — State Session (Colorado Springs).

• Oct. 16 — monthly business meeting at 7 p.m. (Grange Hall).

will be meeting again September 9 at 12:30 p.m. at the Castlewood Grange Hall. We will have a potluck lunch followed by our regular meeting.

We are thinking of you Margaret Miller. 8231 S, Winnipeg Cir, Aurora, CO 80016, and Spencer Harrison 16390 E. Bates Dr., Aurora, CO 80013.

Judy Harrison

• Oct. 21 (tentative) — Harvest Supper (5 until 7 p.m. — Grange Hall).

We've had a sporadic summer with our Grange — met in June but cancelled in July due to some various health issues and no pressing business issues.

Just finished helping at the La Plata County Fair kitchen for La Plata Pomona. This has been a tremendous fundraiser for our Pomona and has been successful in raising funds for various needs for our local Granges. From our Grange, Karen Baxter, Larry, Trish, and Kayla Corman, and Beth Simons all contributed their time in the kitchen. I (Larry) lost about 3 lbs. on Saturday as I grilled a bunch of hamburgers over the hot grill. Thanks to Worthy State Master, Cindy Greer, for her leadership in managing the overall kitchen logistics (hiring, supplying, etc.).

Hope to see y'all at State Session in September.

Larry Corman



Mt. Allison's Grange Booth



Mt. Allison Grangers helped out at the La Plata County Fair kitchen.

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# Tentative State Grange Convention Agenda

## 144th State Session of the COLORADO STATE GRANGE Program

September 21-23, 2017

All State Session Meetings and Exhibits will be held at the Good Shepherd Church, 1201 Leta Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80911.

All meetings of the State Session of the Colorado State Grange will be held in the Fourth Degree and members of any Grange in any state may attend.

Delegates must present their credential cards if the Secretary of their Grange has not already mailed them to the Secretary of the Colorado State Grange prior to the opening of the State Session.

Pianist: Loeda Westphal  
Photographer: Sue Zaba

### THURSDAY, September 21, 2017

**6:45 A.M.**  
Officers and Directors Meet, Breakfast.

**7:30 A.M.**  
Sixth Degree Practice,  
State Officers and Rose Drill Team.  
  
Practice for Memorial Service to follow.

**9:30 A.M.**  
Registration.  
Check-in time for Lecturer, Family & Women's Activities, Junior Grange Contest Entries for judging.

**9:30-10:00 A.M.**  
State Session Committee Chairmen meet with the State Master.

**10:30 A.M.**  
All State Session Delegates work on Resolutions.

**11:45 A.M.**  
Recess for Lunch.

**12:00 P.M.**  
Lunch

**1:30 P.M.**  
Opening of the Colorado State Grange in full form in the Sixth Degree.  
Lowering to the Fourth Degree.  
Roll Call of Officers/Directors.  
Adopting Convention Agenda.  
Partial Report of Credentials Committee.  
Annual Address by State Master Cindy Greer.  
Report of Treasurer and Secretary.  
Report of Executive Committee Chairman.  
Preliminary Report of Good of the Order Committee.  
Report of Grange Museum.  
Report of Leadership and Scholarship Foundation.  
Committee Reports.  
Report of Lobbyist and Ag Committee.

**3:00 P.M.**  
Guest Speaker, TBD.  
Family & Women's Activities Bake Sale.

**6:45 P.M.**  
Memorial Service under the direction of State Chaplain Sheryl Ayers.

**7:15 P.M.**  
Fifth Degree — Short Form.

**7:30 P.M.**  
Sixth Degree Conferred by State Grange Officers.

### FRIDAY, September 22, 2017

**6:45 A.M.**  
Colorado State Grange  
Alumni Breakfast.  
Terri Costeldia presiding.  
*Past State Officers and spouses invited.*

**8:30 A.M.**  
Lecturers' Conference.

**9:00 A.M.**  
Open the Grange in the Fourth Degree.  
Report of Credentials Committee.  
Election of all Officers.  
Continuation of Committee Reports.

**10:00 A.M.**  
National Representative —  
National Master Betsy Huber.  
Continuation of Committee Reports.

**11:30 A.M.**  
Recess for Lunch.

**12:00 P.M.**  
Membership Lunch at Good Shepherd Church.  
Roger Ayers presiding.  
*Everyone invited.*

**1:30 P.M.**  
Reconvene Session.  
Continuation of Committee Reports.

**6:30 P.M.**  
Grange Gala —  
*Silver and Gold Gala:*  
*Make New Friends but Keep the Old.*  
Just Dessert.

**8:30 P.M.**  
(Or ASAP following Gala)  
Annual Meeting of PICK.  
*Everyone invited.*

**9:00 P.M.**  
Youth Officers Practice.

### SATURDAY, September 23, 2017

**6:45 A.M.**  
Colorado State Grange  
Past Masters Breakfast  
Karen Baxter presiding.  
*Past Masters and spouses invited.*

**8:30 A.M.**  
Family & Women's Activities Conference

**9:00 A.M.**  
Youth and Junior Officers  
Open the Grange in the Fourth Degree.  
Continuation of Committee Reports.

**10:00 A.M.**  
Spotlight on Grange.

**11:00 A.M.**  
Report of Grange Insurance Association.  
Continuation of Committee Reports.

**12:00 P.M.**  
JG Lunch at Good Shepherd Church,  
Dan and Jenna Greer presiding.  
*Everyone invited.*

**1:45 P.M.**  
Installation of Officers,  
Gary Wardle Installing Officer.  
Reconvene Session.  
Completion of Committee Reports.  
2018 Convention Site.  
Close the Grange in full form in the Fourth Degree.

**6:00 P.M.**  
Annual Banquet of Colorado State Grange.  
Executive Committee Chairman Alan Caldwell presiding.  
Presentation of Outstanding Granger.  
Talent Presentation.  
*Everyone invited.*

**7:30 P.M.**  
Raffle Drawing

Fifth Degree Fee .....\$1.00  
Sixth Degree Fee .....\$5.00  
(Purchase tickets from State Secretary)

Lecturers, Family & Women's Activities,  
and Junior Grange Exhibits  
will be on display throughout the Convention.

### RESERVATIONS FOR MEAL FUNCTIONS FOR STATE SESSION Deadline For Ticket Orders — Friday, September 1, 2017.

Fill in the number of tickets you are ordering. Include a check made out to: **Colorado State Grange**. Mail to Colorado State Grange, 2009 CR 31, Florissant, CO 80816. Pre-paid tickets will be at the Registration Table.

No. of Tickets	Meal Function	Total
_____	<b>Alumni Breakfast</b> — Fri., Sept. 22, 6:45 a.m. • Methodist Church Presented by P.I.C.K. <i>For Past State Officers &amp; Directors &amp; Spouses</i>	_____
_____	<b>A Membership Lunch</b> — Fri., Sept. 22, 12:00 p.m. • Methodist Church @ \$10.50	_____
_____	<b>C Everyone invited</b> (10 & under) @ \$5.00	_____
_____	<b>Past Masters Breakfast</b> — Sat., Sept. 23, 6:45 a.m. • Methodist Church @ \$7.00 <i>For Past Masters &amp; Spouses</i>	_____
_____	<b>A JG Lunch</b> — Sat., Sept. 23, 12:00 p.m.. • Methodist Church @ \$9.00	_____
_____	<b>C Everyone invited</b> (10 & under) @ \$5.00	_____
_____	<b>A Annual Banquet</b> — Sat., Sept. 23, 6:00 p.m. • Methodist Church @ \$15.00	_____
_____	<b>C Everyone invited</b> (10 & under) @ \$7.00	_____
Please indicate your preferred menu selection for the Annual Banquet.		
_____	Roasted Chicken	
_____	Roast Beef	
_____	Vegetarian	
<b>Total Enclosed: \$</b>		_____

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

*The meal prices are being supplemented by a donation from GIA.*

**Alumni Breakfast** will be at Denny's restaurant... you can choose your own breakfast from the menu.

**Past Masters Breakfast** will be as follows:  
Breakfast Casseroles (meat and meatless); Sausage, Ham, Juices (Apple and Orange),  
Muffins (Gluten Free also) and Fresh Fruit

**Membership Lunch** menu is as follows:  
Your choice of: Brisket, Smoked Turkey, or Pork Loin. Your choice of Beans, Potato Salad or Cole Slaw  
Cookies

**JG Lunch** menu is as follows:  
Meat and cheese Trays with Rolls (Gluten Free also); Potato Salad or Pasta Salad; Chips, Veggies, Cookies

**Annual Banquet** menu is as follows:  
Tossed Salad, Your choice of Roasted Chicken and Baked Potato or Roast Beef and Baked Potato or  
Vegetarian plate; Corn, Green Beans and Fruit Cobbler with Ice Cream.