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# COSG Master's Newsletter

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## AMAZON SMILE

Our 501c3 (People Improving Communities and Kids) PICK has registered with Amazon.com as a recipient non-profit for a percentage of sales placed on AmazonSmile.com. If you or any Grange member shops on Amazon.com we'd appreciate it if you'd select PICK as an organization, you support. The funds generated from the sales will be utilized for the following departments that PICK supports: Community Improvement, Women's Resources, Youth and Juniors, and Creative and performing arts.

*In Essentials Unity, In  
non-Essentials  
Liberty, In all things  
Charity*

## Great Plains Regional Leadership Conference News

The registration date has been extended to May 15. The conference will be held in Lawrence, Kansas. In addition to Youth and junior activities, there will be workshops for Lecturers, and membership chairmen. Any Grange member can attend.

## FAMILY CAMP Adventure

When: July 21-23

Where: Glenwood Springs

Price: Children (5- ) \$25.00 (Scholarship available – contact Charlene Spino)

Youth (14-35) \$100.00 Adults (\$125.00)

We'll be doing our own cooking and SPACE IS LIMITED>

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JUNE 1. (SEE ENCLOSED FLYER AND SCHEDULE)



## VOTERS FAVORABLE TO AGRICULTURE

BURTONELLER Legislative Director National Grange

### **Sustainability.**

It's a word that means widely different things to different people. Sustainable agriculture is defined by the 1977 and 1990 farm bills as a system that will satisfy human food and fiber needs, enhance environmental quality, use resources efficiently, sustain the economic viability of farmers, and benefit society as a whole. How confident is the public about agriculture's commitment to sustainability?

The Morning Consult (public policy newsletter) recently asked 1,917 registered voters to give their opinions regarding agriculture and sustainability based on the farm bill definition. Mostly, Americans think agriculture and farming are among the nation's most sustainable sectors. Here are some interesting responses from those polled:

Agriculture is sustainable. Among Republicans 80 percent say yes and 76 percent of Democrats agree that agriculture is sustainable

Incentives are best. Cooperative incentives that allow government and farmers to work together to address issues is preferred over farm regulation

Respondents said they trust farmers to make the right decisions about sustainability

Respondent's favorability ratings for several major U.S. business sectors were, agriculture 78 percent, technology 76 percent, hospitality industry 73 percent, manufacturing 67 percent, energy 60 percent, airlines 54 percent and pharmaceuticals 43 percent.

A huge majority of respondents agreed with the statement that "the true success of environmentally sustainable farming depends on whether that practice also leads to economic opportunity for the farmer."

### **RESOLUTIONS**

It's NOT TOO EARLY TO SEND IN Resolutions. The National Grange will be focusing a lot of energy on the 2018 Farm Bill.

Every five years, Congress passes a bundle of legislation, commonly called the "Farm Bill" that sets national agriculture, nutrition, conservation, and forestry policy.

So NOW is the time to get resolutions in concerning the Farm bill which happens to include a lot of other areas that are affected because they deal with "food" for people and animals.

I recently noticed an article in our local paper concerning the Colorado Legislature's progress on a Rural Broadband bill and a Transportation bill.

Please take time to consider resolutions and send them in to the state office. We'd really appreciate it if you didn't wait until the last minute before state session September 21-23 in Colorado Springs.

*Cindy L. Bree*



Claudia and the  
Colorado State Grange  
wishes the following  
Granges

#### **Happy Anniversary!**

Wheat Ridge Grange  
was 110 on 3/29.

Pleasant Park Grange  
was 110 on 3/30.

Mount Lookout Grange  
will be 100 on 4/28