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## Greers Recognized As Grange Legacy Family

During the National Grange's 151st Annual Convention in Spokane, Washington, the Greer Family was recognized for five generations of membership and service to the community, state and nation through the Grange.

The Greers, of Hesperus, are members of Marvel Grange. They were recognized along with about 80 other

families during an awards reception on Wednesday, November 8 at the Hotel RL at the Park, where members from across the country gathered for activities, training, fellowship and delegates representing State Granges set policy for the grassroots organization of the year.

"This is especially exciting to have

a program like this during our sesquicentennial year," National Grange President Betsy Huber — who also was recognized as a member of a five-generation Grange family, said. The organization, with about 150,000 members across the U.S., will celebrate its 150th birthday on December 4, 2017 in Washington, D.C.

The enduring tradition started for the Greer family when Harriet Greer helped to charter the Marvel Grange in 1956. Since then, 21 members of the family have been members of the Grange. Pat and Lila Greer joined the Grange in 1964, and were succeeded by their children as each reached the age of 14. Harry Greer ('68), Frances Horvath ('74), Jim Greer ('74), Karen Ray ('78). Each child was also a member of the Junior Grange. Several of Pat and Lila's grandchildren (Russell and Gretchen, Daniel and Jenna) and great-grandchildren (Isaac, Billy, Nathen, Brianna, Emmett and Jacob) are also members of the Grange and Junior Grange. Harry's wife Cindy joined Mt. Allison Grange in '73 and transferred to Marvel after their marriage.

Harry, Cindy, Russell and Daniel and Jenna have served as state officers or directors during their years of membership. Harry and Cindy were delegates to the National convention this past year. Cindy is the State President and was elected National Grange Ceres for the next two years.

"These families are often central to their local Granges and pass on heritage and tradition, values and vision for a better community and nation from



Coloradans attending National Session in Spokane, Washington: Daniel Greer, Billy Greer, Cindy Greer, Harry Greer and Elizabeth Hiner.

## 2018 Quilt Block Contest

### RULES

- The National Grange Quilt Block Contest is open to both members and prospective members.
- All contest entries must be received by the National Grange Lecturer by October 31, 2018. Send entries to: Christine Hamp, National Lecturer 16418 N. Birdie Road Nine Mile Falls WA 99026
- Any entries received after the deadline will not be judged. However, all entries received will be exhibited at the 152nd National Grange convention in Stowe, Vermont.
- The quilt block you enter in the contest for judging must be made by you.
- There is no limit on the number of quilt blocks a person may submit, but choose one quilt block per person to be judged.
- All entries will be retained by the National Grange to be made into

finished quilts and will be sold at a later date to raise funds for the Grange Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit entity. You will receive a donation letter from the Grange Foundation acknowledging your donation.

- A 2018 Quilt Block Contest Entry Form must be completed for the block to be judged.

### GROUPS

- Group I — Adult (Age 14+)
- Group II — Junior (Age 13 and under)

### PRIZES

- Monetary prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in both Groups.
- Ribbons will be awarded to all entries.

### 2018 Quilt Block Contest Tender Heart

(Credit to:

Missouri Star Quilt Company)

- Sherbet Pinks/Oranges — 4 colors, 2 light and 2 dark — prints or solids
- Cut 4 strips, 2-1/2" x 10" (one of each color).
- Sew strips together (ALL seams are 1/4"), along the long side, to make a strip set.
- Strip set should measure 8-1/2" x 10". Press all seams.

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Grange Insurance Association (GIA) Chairman of the Board, D. T h o m a s McKern, is pleased to announce that GIA will again fund 25 scholarships for the 2018-2019 school year, totaling \$33,500. In addition, GIA is honored to award the \$1,000 Paul and Ethel Holter Memorial Scholarship, funded by a gift of Mrs. Holter's estate, and the \$1,000 Dee and Ina McKern Memorial Scholarship, funded by a gift from the McKern family.

Applicants may apply for either an academic or a vocational scholarship. Three of the awards will be for students wishing to pursue vocational studies and 22 awards will be for academic studies. The top winner in each category will receive a \$2,500 award and the remaining winners will receive \$1,000-\$2,000 each.

Eligibility requirements (applicants must meet **one** of the following):



## Grange Insurance Association Announces Scholarship Program For School Year 2018-2019

- Current GIA policyholder (or children of GIA policyholder)
- Children of current GIA company employees
- A previous recipient of a GIA scholarship

Please note that children or legal wards of officers, directors or agents of GIA are ineligible.

These scholarships may be used at any institution offering courses leading to a certificate or a degree in a recognized profession or vocation, including: community colleges, business colleges and technical institutes. Vocational scholarships are aimed specifically for those students not pursuing a college diploma, but seeking further education and/or training in a vocation often not covered by more traditional colleges or universities.

The committee will base its awards on the following:

- Complete and legible application

- Scholastic ability (official grade transcript required)
- Handwritten or typed **Essay** by Applicant
- Please tell us about yourself, your family and your future goals
- Also include any leadership or volunteer-related programs or projects in which you have been involved in high school, in the community, or elsewhere
- What college, university, or trade school do you plan to attend and how will this scholarship assist you

**Application deadline is March 1, 2018 (Postmarked). Funds awarded are for the 2018-2019 school year.**

Please complete the request form on Page 2 for an application for a Grange Insurance Association Scholarship.

**APPLICATION FORMS CAN ALSO BE DOWNLOADED AT OUR WEBSITE: [www.grange.com](http://www.grange.com).**



Billy and Daniel Greer at the Evening of Excellence — You might be a millennial... You might be old...

one generation to another," Huber said. "Great-grandchildren are connected to the things their great grandparents helped to build, and they see the investment in their community and the difference they make as very personal. They do service projects together and meet the needs of the community as a family. That's something unique, something very special about the Grange that we hope to share with new families across the country."

Since 1867, the National Grange has brought individuals and families together to support their communities and advocate on behalf of rural America and agriculture. Our nearly 150-year old nonprofit, nonpartisan, fraternal organization has more than

150,000 members throughout the country. The history of our Order is rich with stories of generations of Grangers across more than 40,000 communities, serving others and developing leadership and other personal skills. Today, the Grange is a major benefactor to more than 2,000 communities in which local chapters reside, providing millions of hours of service and funds to support the needs of their hometowns identified through our grassroots process. For more information, visit [www.nationalgrange.org](http://www.nationalgrange.org).

This program will continue in 2018. If you are at least a five generation Granger and can find the dates your ancestors joined the Grange you too can receive this special recognition.

## State Grange Handbook Enclosed

## Important Dates

Call individual Granges for more information.

- Jan. 13** Pine Needle Basket Making Class, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Florissant Grange
- Jan. 14** Pancake Breakfast, 8 to 10:30 a.m., Golden Gate Grange
- Jan. 20** Dinner/Concert featuring Kon Tiki with instrumental Ventures style music. Dinner at 6 p.m. Music to follow. Tickets are \$35/person. Florissant Grange.
- Jan. 20** Chili Cook-Off and Baked Goods and Auction Marvel Grange
- Feb. 11** Pancake Breakfast, 8 to 10:30 a.m., Golden Gate Grange
- Feb. 11** Valentine Brunch, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Florissant Grange
- Feb. 14** Valentine Party and Potluck, 6:30 p.m., Enterprise Grange
- Feb. 24** Luau, Marvel Grange

### GRANGE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION

(Seattle, Washington)

### NOTICE OF 2018 ANNUAL POLICYHOLDERS' MEETING

The Annual Policyholders' meeting of the Grange Insurance Association will be held on Monday, March 19, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at Grange Insurance Association, 200 Cedar Street, Seattle, Washington 98121.

All Grange Insurance Association policyholders are welcome to attend.

Signed at Seattle, Washington this 14th day of September 2017.

Rodney A. King, CIC, AFIS, Corporate Secretary  
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## Master's Message

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"That's the Grange Way" is the theme for the 2018 Grange Month. What is the Grange Way? "It's the Grange Way to be doers, to volunteer and give and contribute to life where we live. To be outstanding citizens and be the bridge between two sides who won't compromise. To teach the world how to get along, what faith, hope, and charity really mean in everyday life. How to love others even if you don't like them or don't agree with them.

We want to tell the world what the Grange Way means, and why they should care, why they should want to join us and help with our efforts to improve lives from the grassroots up. In our nation where people are more sharply divided and combative every day, the Grange Way is needed now more than ever. It's up to us to spread the Grange Way among our neighbors, friends, strangers, people who don't look like us."  
— Betsy Huber, National Grange Master/President.

The Grange ritual, way of opening the meetings is a tradition that I realize some people see as a very good method of conducting business and accomplishing what needs to be done without getting distracted, others see it as a waste of time. I for one love the ritual, I detest meetings where people go off on tangents when the president is trying to get the group to make a decision on a specific topic. To me those tangents are wasting my time. Granges who utilize the ritual don't miss out on the socialization because they take the time not wasted on tangents to socialize after the meeting. Of course this is just my personal observation. I have been in round table meetings where the group has stayed on topic only because there was at least one person willing to speak up and say we're off track when the meeting begins to stray.

The first four degrees of the Grange, which can be found in the blue Subordinate Manual, teach one about life, seasons in farming and God. I believe that God used my interest in the Grange degrees to bring me into a personal relationship with Him.

As we enter into 2018 we should take some time to set goals and make those goals part of the Grange Way. We need to be talking about what "The Grange Way" is. We must evaluate what we've done in the past that was successful and what failed and look for different ways to reach out to people in our community. Those goals will be different for each Grange and each community. It's not too early to plan your Grange Month Activities and to start advertising!

The names of our officers come from the names of workers on Old English Estates. The Master was the Owner/head of the farm. The Overseer was exactly that, the one who oversaw the workings of the farm. The Lecturer was the program director for the people who lived and worked on the farm making sure that they had opportunities for education, socialization, and growth. The Chaplain was the spiritual leader for the farm. Secretary was responsible for the communication and Treasurer was responsible for the financial aspects of the farm. The Gatekeeper guarded the gate and made sure that anyone who came to the gate was there for the right reason.

The Steward and Assistants made sure everything was in proper order and the work carried out. The Grange founders added the Graces (Ceres, Pomona and Flora) to remind themselves that agriculture was important to daily life. Grain was needed for bread (Ceres), Flowers were needed for fruit (Flora) and the Fruit we enjoy from the plants sustain life (Pomona). There are many ways to explain the officers. The Executive committee made the decisions that needed to be made between meetings. Sometime we need to know our History in order to understand the Grange Way and it helps to realize that history in regards to the definitions that we put on words today.

## Notes From The Secretary

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### A Positive Point Of View

Greetings and Happy New Year. What a pleasant fall and winter we have had so far. I know the snow is coming though so be prepared.

Things are going well here in the Colorado State Grange Office and it is the beginning of a brand new year. I believe 2018 is going to be a fantastic year for all of us, so let's set our minds on a great year and I guarantee we will have one.

Thank you all for sending in your

change of addresses. It really helps the State Office reduce the cost of postage. Keep up the good work.

You should have your new Roster as it has been sent out. If the information is not correct it is because I did not receive your updated list of officers and directors and their addresses, times for meetings, etc... It really helps to get the information to the State Office early, so please let this office know so we can get it changed for next year.

## — In Memoriam —

### Andrea Broomhall

November 15, 1929 –

September 15, 2017

Andrea Ardeth Broomhall passed away peacefully Friday morning, September 15, 2017, at home with her daughter Lisa and her beloved dog Marley by her side.

Andrea was preceded in death by her parents Andrew Malcolm and Ruby Malcolm, her brother Darrell, her husband Everett Cole and her second husband William Broomhall, her granddaughter Ricci M. Padilla and her grandson Marcus Cole. Her son Kelly Cole passed away 10 days after his mother on September 25, 2017.

Andrea is survived by her daughter Lisa Cole and her husband John Sworder, her daughter Tracey Hagerbaumer and her husband Jay, their children Rico Padilla, Tiffany Stachura and her husband Matt, Amber and Joey Hagerbaumer, and her daughter-in-law Pam Cole and her son Christopher.

Andrea was born November 15, 1929, and raised in Deer Lodge, Montana, by Andrew Abram Malcolm and Ruby Rosamond Malcolm. Andrea was the baby of the family with one older brother Darrell. Andrea was referred to as "Sis" by her family and friends in Montana, but she never liked being called "Sis." She stated that she never understood why they didn't call her by her name.

Andrea attended the Colorado Women's College in Denver, because they offered horseback riding. On Andrea's first time out on a horse, the horse went back to the barn with her in the saddle. That was the end of Andrea's horseback riding days. She later went to the University of Wyoming to obtain a teaching degree. There she met Everett Jean Cole her husband. While living in Wyoming, she worked at the Air Force base in administration. After marrying in 1951 they moved to Pennsylvania, where Everett was a professor of Microbiology at the University.

While at the university they decided to start their family. After a time and many medical tests to discover that Andrea could or should conceive they took a different route in order to start their family. The Korean War was coming to an end, and as war often does, many orphans were a by-product. Our parents went through an agency to adopt a child from the Korean War.



Andrea Broomhall and Marley

Due to political conflict with the university, Andrea and Everett were forced to work with another agency that assisted them in orchestrating the first inter-racially mixed adoption in Pennsylvania. Kelly, Andrea and Everett's oldest son was 3-years-old when he came to live with them. They later moved to Colorado, and again decided to add to their family. There they adopted Lisa, the first interracially mixed child to be adopted in Jefferson County. About two years later Lisa wanted a little sister and Tracey was joined into the Cole family.

The desire Andrea and Everett had to raise and love children was more important than what nationality or ethnic background the child came from. Through the years the issue of what nationality or color their children were, came up frequently. There were many discussions in the Cole home that were not happening in most of the other homes in Arvada. Deciding where to live, go to church even where they went grocery shopping became a conscious decision.

Andrea and Everett, who were raised through the depression years, received no special training or support to take on three inter-racially mixed children with varied, emotional and physical challenges, but they did it anyway. Everett passed away on Father's day, June 16, 1974, after having been ill for over two years leaving Andrea with two pre-teen girls. Andrea worked alongside Everett as he ran a laboratory, Biological Research Labs, next door to their home in Arvada. She continued running the lab with the help of their loyal employees until Andrea found a buyer for

If your officers are not correct, please get me a list by the end of September so the Roster for next year can be updated. Addresses and phone numbers can be updated during the year, although they will not be corrected in the current Roster that you have.

A new Handbook is included in this edition of your Colorado Granger. Be sure to keep it on hand so you can join the fun at State Session entering all the contests. If you should happen to lose it or misplace it, we also have an email version we can send you, or you can find it on our State Grange Website at: www.coloradogranger.org.

Here is wishing you all a wonderful, happy, fulfilling 2018.

A tree that is unbending, is easily broken.

— Lao Tzu

the business a few years later.

With the help of a real estate broker named William "Bill" Broomhall the lab was sold and a new chapter began in Andrea's life. Bill and Andrea were married in December 1977. Kelly, Lisa and Tracey had moved out of the house and Bill's son Mike and daughter Becky were living on their own, so Bill and Andrea did not have to work through many of the challenges that come with a blended family. Andrea again worked alongside her husband and received her real estate license, never actually selling anything, but having a better understanding of the business. Bill and Andrea traveled, to Hawaii, Alaska and Europe, went on cruises, went skiing, fishing and went to garage sales as if it were the weekly treasure hunts. And boy did they find treasures, or at least Bill found treasures. Bill passed away in July 1996.

Andrea will be remembered by Grange members as the pianist for over 50 years, a Golden Sheaf Member at Enterprise Grange #25 at 72nd and Simms. She also spent many years preparing the annual Christmas dinner, having the annual picnic in her backyard and writing short skits. Does anyone remember the nose rings for the reindeer? She assisted the children in singing or performing at Christmas time. Andrea was also a lifetime member of the Order of Eastern Star.

Of all the things that Andrea cherished, besides her children, she cherished DOGS and the home she lived in since 1962 the most. She always said she "just loved all dogs."

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## Youth News

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Let's get together. Let's get active. Let's have fun!

Start the New Year with January 5 at Wheat Ridge Grange. Both JGs and Youth are welcome. We will start out with Community Service taking food over to the food bank. Then we will come back to the Grange, have something to eat, and walk to the bowling alley.

Save the date April 21, 5 p.m., a fundraiser dinner for both JGs and Youth; please come support us. De-

tails in the next Granger. All willing to help please call Charlene at 720-434-7161.

Family Camp, please read the flyer, call me with questions or concerns. Registration and deposit due by February 1. We are going to the Sand Dunes and the Alligator Farm! Any Grangers or Granges that would be willing to sponsor a Youth or JG for summer camp would be appreciated.

Thank you everyone for your support all year long.

## Please notify the State Grange Office of any address change.

Because it is 2nd class mail, the Grange is charged 59¢ per address change the post office sends from the Granger mailings.

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Call 719-748-5008 or mail the form below.

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(IF CHANGE OR DROP)

ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

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### SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE GRANGE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION

Please send a GIA Scholarship Application to:

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail your request to: GRANGE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION  
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## Lecturer's Creative And Performing Arts

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There are changes in the State Lecturer Program. Please keep the Handbook that is in this issue of *The Colorado Granger* for reference. But here is a quick look at the changes in the State Lecturer Program for 2018. The first is the creation of new creative arts opportunities under the new "Work Bench" section, and the second involves how you are to report your Grange year activities to State.

The new creative opportunities are aimed at broadening the appeal of the creative arts competition. A new section has been established at the recommendation of Subordinate lecturers. It is the "Work Bench." Classes in this section are: **Woodworking, Handmade Toys, Leather Craft, Metal Craft and Duct Tape Craft.**

Again this year, a One Book report is acceptable when reporting your Grange activities for State Recognition. This year the Department Directors are asking that you put the Community Service and the Publicity

materials for judging into separate sections, clearly marked as either Community Service or Publicity. Please see those sections in the Handbook for further information pertaining to each department.

As always the Lecturer Report Form, that each Grange will receive mid-summer, should be filled out and placed in the beginning of the Grange book if you are choosing to create a scrapbook. That applies if you are creating a regular Grange Scrapbook or a One Book. Please be clear on the report form what your Grange accomplished for each Star Award. Please fill out the Report form as completely as possible. Outstanding program and lecturer awards as well as Community Dinner and Food Sustainability awards are chosen from this information.

REMEMBER: you only need to submit the Lecturer Report Form, completely filled out, to be eligible for Lecturer Awards.



## Family & Women's Activities

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This year, the new quilt block pattern for the National Grange is Tender Heart. The winning quilt block from the 2018 Colorado State Session will be sent on to the National competition. Further details are in *The Colorado Granger*.

Baby blankets which were donated at the State Session were taken to Durango this year and given to a relief effort for the hurricane victims in Texas, Florida, and the Caribbean. What a great place to donate them for

people who are truly in need. The baby blankets that were donated last year were taken to the Denver Department of Human Services. They were in desperate need of baby blankets. Children are removed from the home due to violence or abuse and are actually housed there until they are placed in foster care or in the care of a relative or returned to their own home. It is hard to imagine the turmoil that is present in some homes.

The items collected for the Blue Star Mothers were taken to a chapter in Durango to be distributed to those who are serving our country in the military overseas. Check the Handbook in the *Granger* for the items they need and bring them to the 2018 State Grange Session.

Thank you, Grangers, for your generosity in donating your time to help others who are not as fortunate as we are. It is greatly appreciated. You make a huge difference!



## P.I.C.K.

**People Improving Communities And Kids**

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People Improving Communities and Kids in partnership with Golden Gate Grange has been awarded a \$10,000 grant for capital improvements. We received a phone call early in November of the award and the paperwork arrived December 1 along with the check.

PICK also applied to the La Plata Electric Roundup Foundation for a grant for the Junior Grange Night at the Zoo project. PICK was awarded \$500 for this project. We are asked to get at least five new La Plata Electric customers to sign up for the Roundup program. Please contact me if you are willing to sign up. La Plata Electric does not require a group to be a 501c3, so those in their service area are encouraged to apply to them for project funding. Does your electric provider have a similar program? It might be worth your time to check it out to see what you can get funding for.

There has been a bit of miscommunication which has created some issues. Unfortunately the email that was sent to me regarding the application to the Paul and Anna Lee White trust fund was lost in cyberspace and I did not receive it. Therefore, when I received the letter from the foundation I had no idea that it was intended for Golden Gate. That's why we started the campaign to raise \$5,000 in matching funds. Granges and Grangers have been very generous and PICK has received a total of \$2,950. (\$600 was designated for the Mandy Project).

We want to thank each and every

Grange and Granger for their generosity and support. You're the best. Thank you to: Cherry Creek Grange, Jeanne Davies, Victory Grange, Enterprise Grange, Animas Valley Grange, Tom Campion, Wheat Ridge Grange, Mount Lookout Grange, Left Hand Grange, Florida Grange, Pleasant Park Grange, and Maple Grove Grange.

We are always willing to partner with Granges for their Capital improvement projects or other projects

that fall within PICK's purposes. I appreciate those who want to take the initiative to apply for grants, but in order to avoid this problem in the future, all applications to any foundation that requires PICK's 501c3 status will have to be signed by one of the Board members and a copy of the application sent to the Secretary prior to submission. If it's sent via email, you'll have to receive confirmation of receipt.

Many foundations require that a letter of inquiry be sent first and then if they think your project is a good match for their funding purposes they will ask for a complete grant application, which includes a detailed budget for the project, the amount of funding we are requesting and a time line as to when the project will be complete.

## Publicity

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Granges from across the country attended the 151st National Convention in Spokane, Washington, this last November. I, Elizabeth Hiner, attended as the Senior Communications Fellow. Luræ from Pennsylvania who was there with her daughter Sara who was there for the youth ambassador competition was a new Fellow. The other new Fellows were Tacy from California and Josh from Florida to round out the group. We reported on the events of the session along with many other activities including the legacy families and distinguished Granges.

Congratulations to our State Master Cindy Greer on her election to the position of Ceres. She was one of five new members elected to positions with the National Grange.

The Lecturer's committee hosted the Great American Quilt and Handicraft Expo, the proceeds of which benefited the National Grange Foundation. They are also sponsoring the new quilt block, Tender Heart, for next year's contest. See the attached information. For more information, contact Chris Hamp, National Lec-

turer, at [lecturer@nationalgrange.org](mailto:lecturer@nationalgrange.org).

Over 80 families were recognized for their deep roots in the Grange on Wednesday during a Distinguished Grange and Grange Legacy Family Recognition event at the 151st Annual National Grange Convention. More than 40 families were present to accept their recognition certificates. Many of the families traveled to the convention specifically to be part of the first annual ceremony. One Family was our own State Master Cindy Greer, who along with her husband Harry Greer, accepted the award along with son Danny and grandson Billy. They also accepted the certificate for Marvel #479 being a distinguished Grange. Danny and Billy also performed at the night of Excellence their skit "You Know You're Old/Young," which they did at State. If you missed it, you can find it on the National Facebook page along with all the other performances of the night.

You can even see the National officers get a pie to the face, proceeds of which went to the Grange youth program.

## — In Memoriam —

### Lena Baughman

May 10, 1921 –  
October 8, 2017

Lena Baughman, 96, of Golden, Colorado, died Sunday, October 8, at Mountain Vista Senior Living Community in Wheat Ridge.

Lena was born May 10, 1921, to Joseph and Kathrine Jully (Tripp) and was raised on the family ranch west of Golden. She graduated from Golden High School in 1939. She was employed by the Colorado Central Power Company in Golden for several years. In 1947, she married Wayne Baughman. She and Wayne went into partnership with her father on the ranch where they raised three children.

Lena loved living in the mountains and all that goes along with ranch life. The environment could be very challenging and they had to be totally self-sufficient. She met and conquered all challenges with that pioneer spirit which was just part of her nature. She was an avid gardener and would put up enough produce each year to get the family through until the next growing season. She loved the animals, both wild and domestic. She always had chickens for eggs and meat. She loved her horses, and would



Lena Baughman

always be involved when cattle were being worked. She also loved the wildlife; whether a rabbit or a bear, she delighted in being able to see them and live in their backyard.

Lena was active in community, civic and other organizations. She and Wayne were 4H leaders for several years. She was a charter member of the Golden Gate Grange and remained actively involved until just a few years

ago. Over the years, she held numerous officer positions in the Grange including master, and in 1984 she was chosen Colorado State Granger of the year. She was a member of the Columbine Club, a local ladies social group, and she always enjoyed their activities. She was also a member of the Colorado Cattlemen's Association and the local affiliate Front Range Livestock Association.

Lena was preceded in death by her husband Wayne. She is survived by her three children: Gary (Nancy), of Lakewood; Ron (Valerie) of Golden; and Gale (Saltus) of Golden; and four grandchildren: Shelby, Conor, Shannon and Sierra.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to:

Colorado State Grange Leadership and Scholarship Foundation  
% Secretary Colorado State Grange  
2009 County Road 31  
Florissant, CO 80816

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## 2018 Quilt Block Contest

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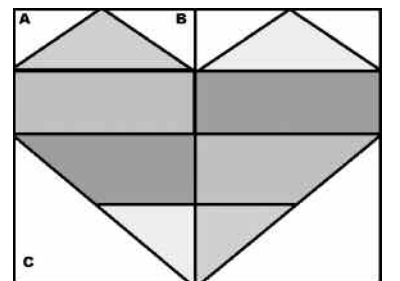
- Cut strip set in half, length-wise, to make 2 rectangles. Each rectangle should measure 5" x 8-1/2".
- Flip one rectangle around so colors are reversed.

### White

- Use 100% cotton, solid white for the corners.
- Cut 4 squares, 2-1/2" x 2-1/2".
- Cut 2 squares, 5" x 5".

### Constructing the Quilt Block:

- Fold the four 2-1/2" white squares once on the diagonal and press the crease to mark a sewing line.
- Place a creased 2-1/2" white square on one corner of a 5" x 8-1/2" strip-pieced rectangle with right sides facing. Stitch on the sewing line, then trim the excess fabric 1/4" away from the sewn seam (A).
- Repeat for the adjacent side of the rectangle (B). Make 2 and sew them together vertically.
- Fold the two 5" white squares once



Tender Heart

on the diagonal and press the crease to mark a sewing line (C).

- Place a creased 5" white square on top of one lower corner of the block with right sides facing. Stitch on the marked sewing line, then trim the excess fabric 1/4" away from the sewn seam.
- Repeat for the other side of the rectangle to make the bottom of the heart.
- Unfinished Block is 8-1/2" x 9-1/2".



### 2018 Quilt Block Contest

#### ENTRY FORM

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Grange Member:  Non-Member:

Grange Name: \_\_\_\_\_ No.: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

- Group I (Age 14+)

- Group II (Age 13 and under)

All contest entries must be received by the National Grange Lecturer by October 31, 2018.

The quilt block you enter in the contest for judging must be made by you.

Please make as many blocks as you wish, but only one contest entry per person.

Each contest entry must have a completed Entry Form.

Mail entries to:

Christine Hamp, National Lecturer  
16418 N. Birdie Road  
Nine Mile Falls WA 99026



## Claudia's Corner



by Claudia the Skunk from the National Grange Herd

National Grange Convention in Spokane was a blast. Yes, we worked on resolutions into the wee hours of the morning (well, not too much this year, as pre-convention Zoom meetings helped get some of the work done before session). This was a full election year!

Colorado was recognized for having a Membership Gain at the Celebration banquet!!!

Elizabeth Hiner from Florida Grange participated in the Fellows program again this year which was funded by the Colorado State Grange Leadership/Scholarship Foundation. Elizabeth came home tired from the long hours, but learned a lot. Daniel and Billy Greer attended the convention and participated in the Evening of Excellence and did a fantastic job representing Colorado. They also participated in Youth and Junior activities.

There were over 300 quilt blocks sent in this year for judging. Quilts of Valor made a special presentation and there were Quilts of Valor on display in the Exhibit Room. There was a wall in which one could post names of deceased veterans who had been Grange members. We were aware of two and put their names on the wall.

The display room was full of a variety of items as well as a quilt show. We received a zip drive with information for the coming year which we will be sharing throughout the year. Marvel Grange was recognized for being a Distinguished Grange for the second year and the Greer family was recognized as a Grange legacy family at a special reception. National Grange recognized approximately 80 Grange families who have had at least five generations of Grange members.

Colorado sent five resolutions to the National Convention for consideration. The Master withdrew two resolutions, but both of those resolutions were covered by other resolutions from other states: Opposing sale of transfer of Federal public lands, and monitoring of over the counter hearing aid act of 2017. Two resolutions were already present policy: The Waters of the U.S. and Congressional Term Limits of Senators and Representative. The excise tax resolution on certain outdoor recreation equipment did not pass the committee vote and was reported as Adverse.

The election results are as follows:

Master — Betsy Huber, PA  
Overseer — Phil Prelli, CT  
Lecturer — Chris Hamp, WA  
Steward — Chip Narvel, DE  
A.S. — John Plank, IN  
L.A.S. — Brenda Rousselle, VT  
Chaplain — Barbara Borderieux, FL  
Treasurer — Dwight Baldwin, IA  
Secretary — Judy Sherrod, TN  
Gatekeeper — Chris Johnston, MI  
Ceres — Cindy Greer, CO  
Pomona — Susan Noah, OR  
Flora — Lena Shufeldt, OK  
Ex Committee — Lynette Schaeffer, IL  
Ex Committee — Steve Coye, NY

## Tune In To Junior Grange

Dan and Jenna Greer, State Directors  
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Merry Christmas!!

Are you ready for 2018? I know it seems crazy that 2017 is almost over, but we had a great year in the Colorado Junior Grange. That's enough about the old, let's get on with the new. There are some pretty awesome things happening in the Junior Grange not only at the National level but also within our very own State.

Ok, let's start with the National level; they have decided to phase out the Merit Badge program and transform it to a "passport." This is really exciting! Another change is the National Awareness project this year is Pollinators. Maybe Colorado should take a trip to the Butterfly Pavilion in Denver, to learn all about **POLLINATORS**. They have added Cross stitching as a National project, so get your needles, thread, and patterns out and let's get those cross stitching projects started. We'll be talking more about the National projects this year in our articles, so keep tuned in the future for more updates.

Colorado also had a great showing at the National Convention this year in Spokane, Washington. Billy and Daniel went up and entered into the Evening of Excellence with their comedy act of "You might be an Ole Fart if" and "You might be a Millennial if." Billy Greer Took Best of Show with his creative writing, third with his National Art. Nathen Greer



took second place with his Creative Writing, and Jacob Greer placed third in his age group with his National Art, while Brianna Greer's Quilt block was presented with the other Junior quilt blocks from across the nation.

We both had lots of fun. While Billy had the chance to meet with other kids his age from across the nation, Daniel reconnected with some "old" friends. We attended the Junior tour, and the opportunity to go through one of Spokane's best fire training centers. The kids were able to run a live fire hose, and get decked out in bunker gear!

There are so many opportunities to compete with the Junior Grange at the National level. One of the BEST ways to participate is with the Super JG award and also the National Junior Ambassador. If you have questions about either please don't hesitate to contact us.

## Health Awareness

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Happy Healthy New Year! Whether you are one who makes resolutions or not, we all have the opportunity to make changes. What will this New Year bring? It will be different for each of us. It is never too late to make a decision to change. We all know what we should do to stay healthy: Drink lots of water (half our body weight in ounces), eat a balanced diet with half our plate full of fruit and veggies at every meal every day, get adequate

sleep, minimize stress, exercise more, and don't get too much or too little sun. Sounds pretty easy, right?

In this world of fast food and sugar laden drinks.... A large majority of us are actually killing ourselves with our eating and lifestyle habits! Seventy-five percent of all chronic disease is preventable.

Many times I've said I wish I knew "such and such" 20 years ago! But reality is IF I make a change now, it

Now on to our State news. We are still working hard on fundraising to make our Night at the Zoo as affordable as possible. If your Grange, or business would like to donate to a GREAT cause consider making a donation to PICK for the Junior Grangers, make sure to note that it is for the JGs.

We have received a grant from LaPlata Electric Association through their roundup grant of \$500 that definitely helps us, but isn't enough to make this event free for all the kids to attend. We are hoping to have our Night at the Zoo late spring/early summer, but we will need to have an RSVP. With that being said we will be sending out RSVP forms to the Junior Granges across the state in the near future. If your kids are interested please let us know!!

Next we are looking for another fun and exciting activity to start planning for next year!! What would your JGers like to do??? Maybe catch a Colorado Rockies game? Or take a tour of the Pepsi Center and possibly catch a Nuggets or Avalanche game? Maybe take a private tour of the State Capitol, or check out the Cave of the Winds. There are so many different opportunities in our state, but we need your help to make any event a success.

As we start the New Year let's keep our State JG GROWING; a lot of people say that the youth and JGs are the future of the Grange. We say that the youth and JG ARE the Grange, PRESENT and FUTURE. Thank you for supporting the JG in any way that you can. Don't forget to check out our Facebook page, ColoradoStateJG.

will make a huge difference. "Our bodies are amazing machines! A blood cell lasts 60-120 days. In 3-4 months your whole blood supply is completely replaced. In six months almost all the proteins in your body die and are replaced, even the DNA of your genes. In one year all your bones and even the enamel of your teeth is replaced, constructed entirely out of the nutrients you eat." (Excerpted from *Optimum Sports Nutrition*)

What ONE change will you make to have a healthier year in 2018? How do you want to feel one year from now?

Let me know how I can help.

The Mayo Clinic also has a Healthy Living Program. Learn more at: <https://healthyliving.mayoclinic.org/offersings.php#classes>

NOTE: You really are what you eat! ..... Don't eat too many nuts!

## Chaplain's Corner

Sheryl Ayers, State Chaplain  
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You have surely given and received gifts recently ('tis the season, after all). At our Grange white elephant gift exchange, I received with my gift a quote that has given me many moments of reflection. It is from Oren Arnold, whom I learned was an Arizona newspaperman and author. (Thank you, Google.)

"Christmas gift suggestions: to your enemy, forgiveness; to an opponent, tolerance; to a friend, your heart; to a customer, service; to all, charity; to every child, a good example; to yourself, respect."

The list reminds me of some of the things Ebenezer Scrooge learned in A Christmas Carol. He then began putting to work what he had learned, and the world for those with whom he worked, for his neighbors and for his family was changed for the better. How would YOUR world be different if you gave these gifts, not just at Christmas, but every day?

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

## Membership

Roger Ayers, State Co-Director  
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Dominick Breton, State Co-Director  
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Hello Grangers,

When I hear the word membership, I become excited thinking about all the possibilities that the word membership contains. Think of the possibilities if we would all work to grow our home Grange. Families and young people are looking for ways to be involved with the community. I recently spoke about the Grange to a community member who is also a mother, emphasizing that I would really like to see the family join us here. She indicated concern that her husband was already so busy with his other commitments and she asked how joining the Grange would be different from those other organizations. I told her it is unique because the Grange is for the whole family and we want them all here together. That made her excited about the possibility of joining.

The goal of 145 is absolutely achievable if we all just remember the key lies in simply asking those in the community to check us out with the possibility of joining. Are you prepared to get new members? Are your materials outdated? In anticipation of

recruiting new members, I would encourage you to invest in updated Information.

**Grange Kit includes:**

- 100 — Declaration of Purposes brochures (Item Com 104)
  - 100 — Junior brochures (Item Com 107)
  - 100 — Youth brochures (Item Com 105)
  - 250 — Adult Membership brochures (Item Com 106)
  - 100 — E-member brochures (Item Com108)
  - 100 — Member Benefits brochures (Com 510)
  - 50 — "A Grange Story: Find My Place" comic books (Com 101)
- This item is free with only a cost for postage.

Video — Declaration of Purposes (not enclosed with this email) The video is about 7 mins long and can be found on the National Grange Website.

I'm excited and honored to co-chair Membership with Roger, and look forward to working with everyone as we build the members in our Granges. Remember that membership matters! ASK someone to join!

## Real Estate Management

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Prepare for (and Pass) your next fire inspection with these helpful tips.

Annual inspections by the fire department are performed to assess and mitigate potential fire and life saving hazards in a building. Most fire departments provide you with a written report of any corrections that are necessary. These inspections vary in type and frequency depending on jurisdiction and city.

Generally, codes are promulgated by consensus groups made up of industry representatives, such as code officials, manufacturers, system installers, special experts, etc. Standards tell you how to properly install equipment or systems required in the code. NFPA 101 and Int'l Fire Code are standards that were created through the consensus process. Both codes and standards are updated on a regular basis with normal revision cycles every three years.

While many people look at the fire inspection negatively, the inspections benefit the owners of a building as well as those who use the building by offering:

- A safer building for unfamiliar occupants.
- A better maintained building for improved resale value or equity growth.
- A possible reduction in insurance

premiums.

Preparing for the annual inspection is key to developing a good working relationship with the fire inspector and gaining positive results. Meet with the inspector prior to beginning the actual inspection and ask what types of items the inspector will be looking for. Give the fire inspector copies of all of your systems or equipment inspection, testing and maintenance reports.

Stress your concerns about making the building as safe as possible by working positively with the fire inspector.

The following issues are common reasons for noncompliance:

- Maintaining a means of egress is

critical to provide proper life saving in your building.

- Storage of combustible materials must be maintained in an orderly fashion away from flame producing appliances.
- There are items that need to be addressed to help emergency responders do their jobs better. Make sure the address is clearly visible and access to the building is not restricted.
- Electrical related issues such as making sure all cover plates are installed on electrical receptacles. Finishing the Inspection process:
- Stress your concerns about making the building as safe as possible by working positively with the fire department to achieve compliance.
- If there are costly items requiring attention, discuss alternatives and compliance timeframes with the inspector.
- Finally, close on a positive note by thanking the fire inspector for their concern for you and the building occupants.

## Granger Deadline And Guidelines

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

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

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

Brief summary of what has been 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)



## Youth Program

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The Youth Department is open to all ages with only a couple of contests restricted to age. Thus, anyone from very youthful to youthful seniors can enter these contests!

**Youth/Junior Officers** — will be opening the Colorado State Grange Session on Saturday morning. We need Youth age and Junior age Grangers to serve as officers. Following the opening and the Junior Luncheon, a special Fun Activity will be planned.

**Hospitality Room** — The Youth Department will operate the Hospitality room at State Session. Food donations and monetary donations are appreciated.

**Family Camp** — Watch *The Colorado Granger* for details. There are many contests and activities available for the youth. Please submit your ideas and suggestions to the State Youth Department. Send your email and/or snail mail address to the State Director to receive upcoming information.

Check the State Grange website ([www.coloradogrango.org/youth](http://www.coloradogrango.org/youth)) for youth programs and updated information.

## Community Service

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### August 25, 2018 — Deadline for contest reports.

Watch for Community Service suggestions in *The Colorado Granger*. A Community Service Packet will be mailed or emailed to each Grange Secretary or Community Service Chairman. April is Grange Month and an ideal time to promote projects and recognize Grangers and non-Grangers who are making a difference with their volunteer work. Participate in the State/Deaf Education, Mandy Project, P.I.C.K., Emergency Relief Program, Family and Women's Activities, Junior Grange and Youth Grange projects.

**State Community Service Contest** — A report form will be sent to each Grange. Please include pictures and news articles with the report form. The deadline is **August 25, 2018**.

**ONE BOOK** — The Lecturer Department, the Community Service Department and the Publicity Department have agreed to allow one book that covers all three categories to be created and submitted for the various awards from these departments. Please place a form in the front of the scrapbook for each department in which you would like your book to be judged.

**Helping Hands Volunteer Project** — This project is designed to recognize individual Grangers who make a difference in their communities. Individual Grangers can submit a report which lists the number of people they have helped during the year and the number of hours involved. This would include all volunteer work through Grange, church, schools, other organizations, and community. State and National projects. We know Grangers make a huge impact by offering a helping hand where needed.

Remember you are a Grange member!! Participate in all Grange activities and programs. Help make the Grange GROW!

**National Grange Youth Program** includes the following:

Grange Ritual Contest, Code Reading Award of Merit, NJHA and Grange Youth Horticulture Identification and Judging Contest, Grange Youth Focus Areas Contest, Parliamentary Procedure Contest, Folding Display Contest, Grange Jeopardy, Youth Community Service Award, Junior Mentor Award, Apathy Not Allowed, G.R.O.W. Club, Youth Grange Member Recruitment Award, Right on Target Youth Committee Award, 2018 National Grange Youth Achievement Awards Program, Horizon Leadership Ambassador/Young Patron Program, John Trimble Youth Legislative Experience, National Grange Youth Officers Team Application, Distinguished Youth Grange Program, Regional Public Speaking competition, Sign A Song Regional Contest. Please check the National Grange Website ([www.nationalgrange.org](http://www.nationalgrange.org)) for rules and deadlines.

**Great Plains Regional Leadership Conference** — June 22, 23, 24, 2018, in Nebraska. Watch *The Colorado Granger* for additional details and registration information.

**National Grange 152nd Convention** — Stowe, Vermont. November 13-17, 2018. Watch *The Colorado Granger* for additional information.

## Public Relations

**Elizabeth Hiner, Director**  
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Public Relations has joined with the other State departments/programs (Lecturer, Community Service and Publicity) in the "One Book" submission. Please include your Public Relations submission in the ONE BOOK, due August 25, 2018, and send it to:

**Kathy Wardle, State Lecturer**  
1136 Bluebell Way, Brighton, CO 80601

Clearly identify the section for your publicity material under a separate tab, so that it can be judged at State Session.

Judging of your Grange's publicity efforts will be based on:

- Quantity of Information Releases
- Quality of Information Releases (visual, contact info, when, where, what...)
- Variety of public promotions (flyers, radio, newspaper, etc.)
- Social/web Media presence (Web, Facebook, Twitter...)
- Professional submission of this report

In the front section of the ONE BOOK, please include a page and email a copy to Elizabeth Hiner at [FloridaGrange306@yahoo.com](mailto:FloridaGrange306@yahoo.com) (clearly identified as Public Relations) which has the following information on it:

Grange (or Pomona) Name

Contact Person along with phone number/email

I encourage each of the Granges to become more visible in your publicity efforts. If interested please contact Larry Corman, who is the State Grange's webmaster — please contact him at [Larry\\_Corman@hotmail.com](mailto:Larry_Corman@hotmail.com) if you want your Grange to have a presence on the State's website. He is also available for any of your technology needs.

# Colorado State Grange Program Handbook

September 1, 2017 - August 31, 2018



**Guide To Contests And Programs**  
**Contact State Directors Or Subordinate Chairmen**  
**For Information On All Contests And Programs.**

**Please Save This Section, Pull Out And Fold.**  
**Or see it online at [coloradogrango.org](http://coloradogrango.org).**

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[www.nationalgrange.org](http://www.nationalgrange.org)

**Colorado State Grange Office**  
2009 CR 31  
Florissant, CO 80816  
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# P.I.C.K.

*People Improving Communities And Kids — The Heart Of The Grange*

**Cindy Greer, Secretary/Treasurer**  
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P.I.C.K. helps expand the vision and explores new avenues of funding which will enable the members to create interest in the Grange. PICK is a 501c3 organization. All Donations to PICK are Tax-exempt.

PICK can partner with your Grange when you need a 501c3 status to accomplish a project. Contact the secretary for details.

Our annual Silent Auction at State Session raises funds that are divided up between six areas:

**Specific areas of interest to PICK are as follows:**

- **Mandy Project** — We supplement applications received by CSG as needed.
- **Youth and Juniors** — We support educational camps, seminars, workshops and retreats focusing on leadership, strengthening community involvement, developing and enhancing awareness of cultural and social unity specifically for Youth. Granges desiring to start a program needing some financial assistance can apply to PICK.
- **Community Improvement** — We encourage Granges to continue to bring Community Improvement Projects to their community. This includes keeping their building up to date and usable, thus a need for capital improvement projects in order and we will assist Granges in seeking grants for capital improvement projects. An Emergency project fund has been established. Contact PICK secretary for details.
- **Women's Resources** — Educating the community about safe and proper methods of food preservation is quickly making a comeback. The Grange can be a leader in making sure men and women who are interested in food preservation are educated and well informed. We encourage each Grange to sponsor a food preservation program using a reliable source to conduct the workshop. If funds are needed to obtain a reliable source and your Grange does not have funding you can apply for partial assistance. Proof of completion of the workshop is required. If funds are requested the following information must be included:  
*Grange Name and Number, Contact Person, Address, Date of workshop, Name of workshop expert, Qualifications of workshop expert. Thirty days following the workshop's completion the Grange*

## Claudia's

### Achievement Award

Claudia, the skunk, is a stinker for Ritual. Claudia will award any Grange that holds an Achievement meeting, and submits the judging score sheets by September 1, 2018 to the State Master, a special certificate.

## COLORADO GRANGER

The 15th of the preceding month is the deadline for articles for the *Colorado Granger*. You can send them to the State Grange Office, 2009 CR 31, Florissant, CO 80816, or email coloradogranger.org.

*seeking funding must report the outcome of the workshop and provide one photo. This report can be sent via email. We would like to know how many attended the workshop. Funding must be returned if the Grange fails to report within 30 days.*

- **Women's Health Issues** — are unique and we encourage you to consider hosting an educational program on a health issue that is important to your community.
- **Creative and Performing Arts** — PICK will supplement prizes for contests open to non-members. We will help Talent participants with travel expenses to the National showcase.

## Health Awareness Department

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The Purpose of the Health Awareness department is to educate Grange and Community members about major health issues and prevention.

What Health Issues are prominent in your Grange and Community? Do you have Grange or Community members that are affected by Cancer, Heart Disease, Hearing Loss, Alzheimer's, etc? Subordinate and Pomona Health Awareness chairmen are encouraged to explore what issues are affecting their community and see if there are any needs your Grange can meet. Does someone need a sitter, ride to an appointment, a hot meal, a listening ear, groceries picked up...? Chairmen are encouraged to work with the Community Service Chairmen in deciding how you can best serve your members and community.

**Activity Ideas include:**

- Sponsor a family in need. Schedule members to take turns.
- Assist with a benefit for a local individual who is facing a major health issue.
- Sponsor or assist with a local Health Fair.
- Sponsor a health screening event.
- Sponsor a Team and/or participate in Relay For Life or other Health Awareness Events.
- Encourage members and non-members to participate in a Walk-A-Thon, 5K, etc.
- Support legislation that promotes prevention of health issues and hearing impairment.
- Assist your Lecturer with a program educating members and non-members about major health issues and how they can be prevented.
- Create a container to collect Campbell's product UPC labels and donate labels to a local school or the Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind.
- Create a container to collect Aluminum Tabs for the Ronald McDonald House.
- Post and encourage healthy habits or other health related issues.
- Host a Disease Prevention Seminar.
- Be creative.

# Junior Grange Contests

**Daniel and Jenna Greer, Co-Directors**  
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- Open to anyone ages 1 to 14, Junior Grange members and non-members.
- All entries must be labeled with name, age, sponsoring Grange or Junior Grange, member or non-member, and class.
- Items will be judged on neatness, creativity, appropriateness and ability for age.
- All entries are due by noon on Thursday of State Session.
- There will be three age categories: under 5, 5-9 and 10-14.
- Children may enter more than one item in each class but are limited to no more than three items per class.
- First, Second and Third Place will be awarded in each class and age group.
- Entries will be judged at State Session. All entries must be submitted on Thursday morning.

**Art Contest** —

Any medium may be used. There is no minimum or maximum size.

1. Water Color
2. Other Mediums

**Photography** —

Prints only, do not have to be matted or framed. Any size is acceptable.

3. Scenes
4. Animals
5. People
6. Sunsets, Sunrises

**Cookies** —

Cookies exhibited on a disposable base in a zip-lock type bag. The recipe must be included. Cookies will not be returned.

**Crafts** —

7. Holiday Decorations
8. Recycled Craft — Any item made using something one generally throws away.
9. Nature Craft — Any item made from nature (rocks, pine cones, seeds, etc.).
10. Textiles — May use any type of fabric, yard, thread, etc.
11. Miscellaneous
12. Special Gifts
13. \*NEW\* Patriotic — Anything that represents our Country!

**Growth** —

Any type of plant that the Junior has grown from a seed or is taken as an offshoot. These will be judged on health of plant as well as creativity of planter.

**Creative Writing Project** —

Open to members and non-members. May be a poem, story or an essay. Entry may be typed or hand written, double spaced and placed in a protective cover and labeled.

*There will be three age groups in the Creative Writing Project: 5-7, 8-10, 11-14. Member only:* What would you like to grow and who would help you.



**Mini-Scrapbook Contest** —

To capture the activities of the Junior Grange member throughout the year. What did you do? Where did you go? What did you make? This is your journey how did it help you grow?

**Digital Scrapbook** —

See Mini-Scrapbook above.

**Creative Art Contest** —

Must be a picture showing what the Theme means to you. May use crayons, colored pencils, markers or paints. Maximum size is 8-1/2 x 11 inches.

**Public Speaking** —

Topics: (1) How the Junior Grange Can Grow Across the Nation OR (2) Any Topic of your choice. Speech must be a minimum of 4 minutes and a maximum of 7 minutes. Contest held at State Grange in conjunction with the Lecturer's program.

**Sign A Song: Categories** —

- Individual Sign A Song Contest: Ages 11-14
- Group Sign A Song Contest: Two or more Junior Grangers. All members must be 9-14 years of age. Contest held in conjunction with the Lecturer's program at State.

**Merit Badge Program** —

Level 1 for ages 5-9, Level 2 for ages10-14  
HOST State Study — Vermont  
Kelley Farm project  
Super J.G. Award  
Junior Ambassadors  
Junior Grange Recruiter

**Junior Grange Camp** —

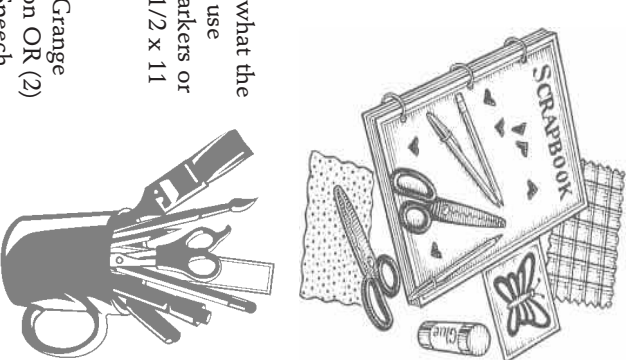
In 2018 there will be up to three different Jr. Grange camps. One will be held in the southwestern part of Colorado and the other will be held in the northeast region. Two of these camps will be a "Grange Camp Out" and will include fun activities and an age appropriate community service project. Each camp will present all attendees the opportunity to earn multiple merit badges. **The Third Camp will be a Night at the Zoo, this will be held at the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo and the date is TBD.**

**Talent Contest** —

Junior Talent Contest will be held during State Session in conjunction with the Lecturer's Department Talent Contest. Three classes:  
1. Vocal;  
2. Instrumental;  
3. Comedy.  
Prizes will be awarded. Please notify Director of intent to enter.

**National Opportunities:**

**Theme: Please see the National Grange Handbook**  
Contest held at State Grange in conjunction with the Lecturer's program at State.





# Mandy Project

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The purpose of the Mandy Project is to help children with hearing loss to become productive citizens and to provide assistance to

a family experiencing hardship due to a child's hearing loss.

As many children will be helped as possible and as funds are available. Families with a child who has a hearing loss will be chosen through the application process to receive funding assistance to help cover costs of hearing aids, speech therapy, surgery or other related expenses.

Brochures can be obtained by contacting the State Director.

Granges who sponsor a special fundraiser or make a donation to the Mandy Project will receive a special certificate at State Convention.

Every Grange should have a "Do You Know the Signs" poster up in their hall or in the building where they meet if at

all possible. Brochures with the same information are available and should also be available for distribution at your meeting place.

Granges are encouraged to give these posters and brochures to their local schools, pre-schools, and Kindergarten classes. Early intervention is important to a child's learning when hearing loss is involved. Posters and Brochures can be obtained through the Mandy Project Director.

Granges are encouraged to collect Campbell's product UPC Symbols for the Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind. Bring the symbols to the State Grange Convention and we will pass them on to the school.

Granges might also sponsor Sign Language classes in their halls.

## Subordinate And Pomona Grange Activities And Suggestions

- Sponsor, host, or promote Sign Language classes or a Sign A Song contest for the community.
- Support legislation and encourage assistance for the hearing impaired.
- Sponsor a special fundraiser for the Mandy Project flyers and brochures.
- Promote Hearing Testing
- Assist Lecturer with a program educating members and non-members about deafness or hearing loss.
- Write articles about Grange Deaf Activities Projects and send to local news media during May, which is a special month for deaf awareness.
- Each Grange should have posters up on Signs of Deafness or Hearing Loss for
  - Adults
  - Children
- Promote Finger Spelling Bees, Sign Language Challenges, and Sign A Song competitions.
- Create a container to hold Campbell's product UPC symbols so members can bring them to a central location for the Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind.

### Sign A Song Contest

- Participants are to submit three copies of the words to the song they are signing.
- Participants must provide their own music. A cassette and CD player will be available.
- Anyone who is a professional instructor or receives money for signing may not enter.
- Signers must use total communication techniques: Sign Language, facial expressions, mouthing of words for lip reading, finger spelling if appropriate, and body movement.
- Props and costumes are not allowed, rhythm is optional.
- There are three categories
  - Novice** — one who is beginning to learn sign, has had no more than three sign language classes and has entered the Sign a Song contest no more than two years.
  - Hobbyist** — one who signs on an occasional basis and strictly for fun. One who has entered the Sign a Song contest more than two years.
  - Group** — two or more people signing.
- Only one song may be signed during the competition performance. Medleys are not allowed.
- Participants must sign their own name and song title.
- Participants are eligible to compete at the Great Plains Regional Leadership conference in June.

# Family And Women's Activities

- Name, address, Grange
- All items should be picked up before the end of State Session.

## Needlework

- Class A** — Crocheted or Knit Afghans (any size)
- Class B** — Crochet or Knit Sweater (any size)
- Class C** — Crochet (miscellaneous)
- Class D** — Embroidery, Cross Stitch, Counted Cross Stitch (any item — back must be uncovered)
- Class E** — Decorator Pillows

## Quilting

- Class F** — Machine Quilted Quilt (any size)
- Class G** — Hand Quilted Quilt (any size)
- Class H** — Quilted Table Runner
- Class I** — Wall Hangings (not to exceed 36" x 54")

## Sewing

- Class J** — Adult Garment
  - Class K** — Child's Garment
  - Class L** — Aprons
  - Class M** — Stuffed Toys
  - Class N** — Quilt Block Contest
- Quilt block pattern and instructions will be printed in the *Granger* or posted on the FWA page on the State or National website.

- Class O** — Miscellaneous includes anything with fabric, thread or yarn.

## "From The Heart" Projects

**Baby Quilts** are accepted but not judged at State Session. They will be donated to a worthy cause.

**Blue Star Mothers** — small items to be sent by mothers of military serving overseas. Acceptable items will be on the Family and Women's Activities website.

**Clothing Protectors** — bibs for adults will be donated to area nursing homes. Instructions on website.

**Eye glasses** — collect and donate to a local Lions Club.

**Boxtops for Education** — donate to a local school in your area.

# THE GRANGE BUILDS

**People** — by recognizing leadership abilities and encouraging individual talents.

**The Family** — by offering a family oriented environment and emphasizing family values.

**The Community** — by working together in a team spirit, providing service and community outreach.

**The State** — by encouraging "grass-roots action" and leadership in the State Legislature.

**The Nation** — by providing members a voice in the nation's capital.

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In all categories you may enter only one entry per class.

Baking, Food Preservation and Needlework, Quilting and Sewing entries must be a Grange member.

Entries will be judged at State Session.



## Baking

Label baking entries with the following:

- Recipe printed on recipe card
- Contestant's name, address, Grange
- Class

All baking entries are to be exhibited on a sturdy disposable base and placed in a Ziploc bag. All items will become the

property of the State Directors and will be sold following judging at the State Session.

- Class A** — Cakes (Butter Cake, frosted)
- Class B** — Altered Cake Mix
- Class C** — Yeast Bread

(One loaf or seven rolls per plate)

**Class D** — Sweet Rolls (Seven rolls made with yeast)

**Class E** — Bar Cookies (Seven per plate)

**Class F** — Drop, Rolled, Shaped Cookies (Seven per plate)

**Class G** — Quick Breads

(Fruit or nut containing no yeast)

**Class H** — Fudge (Seven pieces per plate)

**Class I** — Other Candy (Seven pieces per plate)

**Class J** — Gluten Free Cookies (Seven per plate)

**Class K** — Gluten Free Cakes

**Class L** — Gluten Free Breads

## Food Preservation

Canned items should be entered in standard glass canning jars and sealed with new lids. Headspace for jams/jellies is 1/4" and canned foods is 1/2". Canned items will not be opened for judging. Canned foods must be picked up before the end of State Session.

Entries should be labeled with the following:

- Name of item and Class
- Method of processing
- Month and year processed
- Contestant's name, address, Grange
- Class 1** — Canned Foods
- Class 2** — Jams, Jellies
- Class 3** — Juices
- Class 4** — Salsas, tomatoes
- Class 5** — Pickles, any kind
- Class 6** — Dried Foods including leathers and jerky (1/2 Cup in a plastic bag)

## Needlework, Quilting And Sewing

All entries must be made by a Grange member and finished within the current Grange year.

Entries should be labeled with the following:

- Class

# Outstanding Granger Contest

Any initiated Colorado Grange member may be nominated for the Outstanding Granger Award. This award is presented at the Final Banquet of the State Convention to the deserving person or persons.

- Nominations can be made by any Grange member.
- The nominations should be in booklet form about the nominee for the judges to use to make their decision. The booklet should contain:

- Letters of Recommendation
- Information about the person's Grange activities and achievements.
- Articles
- Pictures
- Other supportive material (involvement with organizations other than Grange)

Entries are due in the State Grange office by **September 1**. The State Master will appoint a committee to judge the entries. The winner is not announced until the banquet, and may be kept a surprise if the sponsor so wishes.

A plaque noting this award is given to the winner, as well as a special name badge that will always denote that the person received this special honor.



# Lecturer's Awards: Programming Achievement, Creative & Performing Arts

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## Lecturer's Star Awards

Lecturers completing the Star Report form and returning the form to the State Lecturer by **August 25, 2018**, will be eligible for the following Star Awards. Reports should be mailed to Kathy Wardle, Colorado State Lecturer, 1136 Bluebell Way, Brighton, Colorado 80601 or email the completed form to my email at: artklw@gmail.com.

**Star certificates will be awarded to each Grange earning any of the following possible stars. Granges completing all of the categories will earn recognition as a Star Achievement Grange.**

- **Gold Star — Information:** Programs/activities providing education or information on pertinent issues to your community.
  - **Blue Star — Entertainment:** Programs/activities involving traveling outside your hall or meeting place for an event, special meal, art exhibit, play, or show, etc.
  - **Green Star — Membership:** Activities/programs promoting membership and recruiting new members.
  - **Red Star — Community:** Programs/activities specifically planned for the community.
  - **Silver Star — Cooperation:** Sponsor programs/activities cooperating with other community groups.
  - **Orange Star — Family:** Programs/activities oriented around the family or provide opportunities that are focused on the family.
  - **Purple Star — Media:** Creating publicity using social media or traditional media to promote Grange programs/activities and the Grange. Suggested media include website, e-blasts, Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn plus traditional brochures, posters, news releases, newsletters, and PowerPoint presentations about your Grange, etc. Working with three or more media types qualify for this award.
- Outstanding Subordinate and Pomona Lecturer Award will be awarded based on the Star Report form. Outstanding Program of the Year will also be chosen from this report and supporting material.**

## Grange Yearbook Contest

**Criteria:**  
Subordinate and Pomona Granges will be in the same category.

- Judging:**
1. Completeness
  2. Creativity
  3. Craftsmanship

If you create a Yearbook for your Grange, please place the Lecturer's Star Report Form at the beginning of the yearbook. **Note: Granges do not need to create a yearbook to be eligible for the Lecturer's Star Awards.**

Up to four Granges will be recognized for the best Grange 2018 Yearbooks (scrapbooks). **Yearbooks must be received by August 25, 2018**, by the State Lecturer. Please mail them to Kathy Wardle, Colorado State Grange Lecturer, 1136 Bluebell Way, Brighton, Colorado 80601.

August events can be covered with pre-event publicity and preparation coverage.

## One Book

**ONE BOOK.** The Lecturer Department, the Community Service Department and the Publicity Department have agreed to allow one book, covering all three departments, to be created and submitted for the various awards from these departments. **EACH DEPARTMENT MUST HAVE ITS OWN SECTION.** For the Lecturer Department be sure

to include the Star Report at the front of the Lecturer's section. **One Books need to be mailed to the State Lecturer by August 25, 2018.** The books will then be forwarded to the other Departments.

## Performing Arts

Each Grange is encouraged to bring at least one participant to the State Talent Showcase. The participant does not have to be a Grange member. The more participants, the better the Showcase will be. There will be two age categories in Vocal, Instrumental, Variety and Joke Telling.

- I. Junior, 5-13
- II. Adult, 14 and over.

The statewide Showcase will be held at the State Convention on Saturday evening. Those wishing to participate in the *Talent Contest* need to notify the State Lecturer on or before Thursday of State Convention. One participant in the statewide Showcase 14 and over division will be eligible to participate in the National Grange Evening of Excellence held during the National Convention in November.

**Classes:**

- I. Vocal
- II. Instrumental
- III. Variety (skits, readings, monologues, dance, pantomimes, etc.)
- IV. Joke Telling
- V. Public Speaking (See Youth and Junior Dept. for specific guidelines)
- VI. Sign A Song (See Deaf and Junior Dept. for specific guidelines).

## Community Dinner

Granges that sponsor a **Community Dinner planned around a theme such as a Chili Cook-off or Luau or other creative event** will be recognized. **BE SURE TO INCLUDE THIS INFORMATION IN THE LECTURER REPORT.**

## Food Sustainability Program

Subordinate and Pomona Granges completing any ONE category and reporting on the Community Garden Program Form (to be mailed to Subordinate Granges and due to the State Lecturer on August 25, 2018) will receive a Community Garden Award. **BE SURE TO INCLUDE THIS INFORMATION IN THE LECTURER REPORT.**

**Categories (Do one of the following):**

- **Share The Harvest**  
Grange members and friends donate excess crops to the local food bank or pantry or a deserving family. OR Plant or sponsor a community garden.
- **Community Produce Classes or Contest**  
Sponsor an agricultural oriented contest for your community. Establish your own judging criteria. OR Sponsor a class on an agricultural topic.
- **Community Food Preservation Demonstration or Classes**  
Sponsor a food preservation demonstration for your community. OR Sponsor a class on food preservation.

## Lecturer Contests

**General Guidelines for all Lecturers' Contests:**

- All entries in Fine Art, Hobby Corner, Photography, or With Pen in Hand must be labeled as follows: Name, address, Grange or sponsoring Grange, class, member or non-

member, and value.

- All entries are due at State Session on Thursday between 8 a.m. to noon.
- Individuals may have more than one entry in a class.
- All categories are open to Grange members in good standing as well as non-members sponsored by a local Grange. Entries must be completed since the beginning of the previous State Convention.
- We reserve the right to combine or divide classes as number of entries warrants.
- Participants must select the class for his/her entry.
- **Awards:** First place receives \$5, second place \$3 and third place \$2.
- **A Best of Show** will be awarded.
- 1. The Grange with the most entries will receive **The Colorado State Grange Lecturer's Participation Award.**
- 2. A Sweepstakes Award will be given to the individual with the most entries in the Lecturer's programs.

**Fine Art**

**Guidelines:**

- All entries must be framed or on a firm backing which enables the entry to be properly displayed.
- Entrant is responsible if charcoal and pencil entries are not treated to prevent smudging.
- Entries of nudes are not allowed.
- Entries cannot be covered with glass. (Plexiglas may be used.)

**Criteria for judging entries:**

- Use of medium selected — Craftsmanship and skill — Composition/presentation of subject — Originality
- Classes:**
1. Painting
  2. Drawing
  3. Computer art/collage

**Hobby Corner**

**Guidelines:**  
All work must be original from start to finish, with the exception of a purchased frame, kit, or mold.

**Judging Criteria:**

- Originality/Neatness/Creativity/Workmanship
- Classes:**
1. Holiday items
  2. Jewelry
  3. Miscellaneous
  4. Individual Scrapbooks
  5. Special Gifts

**Work Bench**

**Guidelines:**

- All work must be original from start to finish, with the exception of a purchased frame, kit, or mold.

**Judging Criteria:**

- Originality/Neatness/Creativity/Workmanship
- Classes:**
1. Woodworking
  2. Handmade Toys
  3. Leather Craft
  4. Metal Craft
  5. Duct Tape Craft

**Photography**

**Guidelines:**

- Photos should be mounted or in a photo mat.
- **Framed photos will not be accepted.**
- An image may be entered in only one class.

- Participants may enter all classes using separate images.
- Participants may have multiple entries in one category.
- Photos/images may be made by a commercial processor, but

- must have been taken by the entrant.
- The photo must not be less than 4 x 6 or larger than 11 x 14.
- A caption/title about the photo is optional.
- Only prints (color, black/white or digital) will be accepted, no slides.
- Professional photographers may not enter the contest (professionalism make their living through photography).

**Judging Criteria:**

- Composition and arrangement — Interest — Presentation — Technique
- Classes:**
1. Landscapes and Seascapes
  2. People
  3. Animals and Other Creatures
  4. Photo Collage or Story

**With Pen in Hand**

**Guidelines:**

- All entries must be typed and double spaced.
- Entries may be fictional or non-fictional.
- Flyers and Pamphlets may be computer generated.

**Judging Criteria:**

- Content — organization
  - Spelling, punctuation and grammar
  - Audience appeal
- Classes:**
1. Short story or essay
  2. Recommend a book. (your choice)
  3. Poetry
  4. Pamphlet/Flyer

## Membership Program

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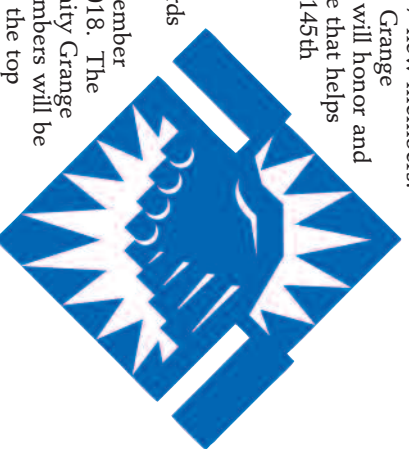
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**The 145 challenge:**

The goal for Colorado State Grange is 145 new members by our 145th annual session in 2018. Each Grange can help reach this goal by recruiting 7 new members.

The Colorado State Grange membership program will honor and recognize each Grange that helps reach this goal at the 145th annual session.

The Colorado State Grange membership program will offer recognition and rewards to Granges for new members joining September 1, 2017-August 31, 2018. The Subordinate/Community Grange with the most net members will be recognized, as well as the top recruiters. A form will be sent to report your membership to us. Please fill it out completely and return it to me by mail, email or give it to us on the first day of State Session. If you mail it be sure to send as early as you can in September so that it will arrive at my home before the week of State Session.



To summarize, you may be recognized in three ways:

- 1) Granges that get at least seven (7) new members.
- 2) The Subordinate/Community Grange with the most new members.
- 3) The Top Recruiters in the State will be honored. Remember, ask someone to join your Grange. YOU can make a difference. New members make your Grange stronger.



# Agriculture Report

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 Colorado State University (CSU)  
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The largest event was the opening of the new football stadium. CSU continues their upward trend in ag education by expanding programs and drawing new students to the available disciplines in the college of agriculture. Included are a working farm, seminars for elementary students, and expanding research farms, even to New Zealand.

CSU also is very involved in expanding and renewing the National Western Stock Show complex. There will be hands-on opportunities for veterinary students, with a small dormitory for extended stays.

Gov. Hickenlooper's proposed budget has an increase in commitment to

CSU for the coming year, due to their success at promoting their programs and advancing ag education.

Finally, Tony Frank, president of CSU, has been nominated as National Western Man of the Year, for the award presentation in January. (Thanks to John for representing the Grange at this Denver meeting. I could not attend due to a conflict. — Dave)



by David H. McCord,  
 Co-Director  
 Colorado Ag Water Alliance  
 (CAWA) 2017 Ag Water Summit

Several hundred attended this all day "summit." A major change recognizing the growth and importance of CAWA is that Greg Peterson, a salaried executive director has been hired,

and an operating grant obtained. Activities of CAWA: members met with drainage basin committees, conducted tours of the Arkansas and Colorado rivers, are educating members as to what might affect water policy, evaluated and commented on the Colorado Water Plan, and is applying for 501(c) 3 status with the IRS so donations will be tax deductible.

CAWA is advocating for alternative transfer means (ATMs) where a farmer or rancher may lease their water to an urban user for a period of time. This is in contrast to the "buy and dry" practice of decades ago where water right owners sold their rights and the water was removed from ag irrigated land and the land and local economy dried up. (More in a future Ag Report on the Summit.)

Colorado Ag Council,  
 Fall 2017 Meeting

Approximately 30 Council members and guests attended the meeting. No Colorado legislators were able to attend though staff members of both Rep. Buck and Senator Gardner participated. Ag Commissioner Don Brown's opening comments: The Ag Council is highly regarded by the legislators

of donations. Then utilize this format for the organization of the community service book.

- Book organization:
  1. Use a tab for each project include a short summary of that project.
  2. Include any newspaper article or flyer about the event.
  3. When holding a fundraiser dinner/event it is important to include where the monies were donated.

#### DON'Ts

- Don't include things like State session program book, officer and member rosters and meeting minutes.
- Don't include members or family obituaries because the family used your hall after the funeral.
- Don't include every thank you note/letter you get from a project. One is enough not all 30 from a class you donated dictionaries to.
- Mowing the grass at the Grange Hall this is maintenance not Community Service.

you have to special order a bigger book it might be too "fluffy."

#### DOs

- Limit pages to no more than 4 (front and back) for larger projects and 2 (front and back) for smaller projects.
- Include 2 or 3 photos that demonstrate members (non-members if applicable) participation and items collected. If it is a cleanup type project before and after photos.
- 1 or 2 Thank You cards/letters for an event.
- Include a short write-up about your Grange and Community. (1 page)
- An overall summary sheet listing continuing projects, new projects, larger and smaller projects and list

## Quarterly Magazine Lauded, Subscribers Needed

by Elizabeth Hiner  
 Senior Communications Fellow

Subscribers have received the first three issues of *Good Day™* since roll-out after the 150th National Convention. Overall, the reception has been positive from the members who receive information from their leadership.

"I am so very happy that we've been able to provide this product to our membership," National Grange Communications Director and Editor of *Good Day!* magazine Amanda Brozana Rios said. "Several years ago this was something I had imagined and hope one day we would be able to provide to our members who still enjoy tangible products."

Marty Billquist, past Montana State Grange President and past National Executive Committee Member, took the magazine to his home Grange and now every member of his Grange is a subscriber. "The magazine generates a lot of productive conversation at his Grange," Billquist said. "It's just packed with stuff that people want to talk about."

*Good Day™* covers a variety of subjects with a look at Grange history, current events, book reviews and more. There are state briefs to keep members

up to date on what fellow Grangers are doing. There are also ideas that could be used as Lecturer's programming including D-I-Ys and recipes and much more. The first edition focused on family traditions, whether it is an old family recipe, a hobby or hand-craft or just what a family does every year. The second focused on summer camps. The latest issue covered the history of the Grange's reach internationally. It also has many articles that are attractive to those who haven't yet joined the Grange, making it a great publicity and membership tool. National President Betsy Huber has said. Brozana Rios said, however, that the subscriber base that was expected has not yet been reached.

"I was so happy that our Executive Committee and Delegates took the leap with me last year to start this product, but it's been a really slow start," Brozana Rios said. "I was surprised by how many members I met over the last year who have not heard about the magazine. We have to share it with people so they see the quality of product and choose to subscribe."

The *Good Day™* magazine is available as single issues for \$5 or as a yearly subscription rate of \$14 per year.

## Make it a Good Day!

As a Grange member, for only \$14 a year you can receive our new quarterly magazine and enjoy great features, the latest information about the Grange, contests, programs, benefits and more!

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# Community Service

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National Grange Suggestions  
 For Grange Community  
 Service Books

**Comments:** There were some good projects in some of the larger books but they were difficult to identify because of the way the books were organized. More pages (fluff) or larger books are not always better. Good organization is important. This is not a history book of everything your Grange did in a year just the Community Service projects. This was an issue the judges this year had to sort through. It is important that the name of your Grange is on the front of the book. A dinner/event held to maintain the building or pay bills is not a Community Service project. If

## Ute Mountain

Dolores and Montezuma Counties

### Mount Lookout

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 for further information.

Year's end 2017 found the members of Mount Lookout Grange reflecting back on a year full of accomplishments, activities, and celebrations. Through the tremendous generosity of time and resources from over 200 local families and businesses, our Grange finds itself with the addition of a certified commercial kitchen and community food pantry, operated by FoodShare.

As the National Grange celebrated its 150th anniversary this past year, Mount Lookout Grange marked its centennial with an open house, tour of our new addition, and colorful stories of years past.

We were able to hold two fundraising events, one in late spring and the other in October, that were well attended and very successful. In addition, we hosted the Martin Luther King Annual Breakfast as in past years, and held monthly community dinners on the second Sundays.

Since the certification of our commercial kitchen, the space has been rented for food preparation by local businesses, school children, and community programs holding cooking classes. The kitchen has also been useful for the many events and celebrations held this past year in our Grange.

At the close of 2017 we are in awe of all the wonderful activities and events that have come to pass. We feel we have truly lived our mission statement "Mount Lookout Grange is dedicated to providing an inclusive space for community connection, sharing and support." We are looking with happy anticipation to what 2018 will bring.

Carol van der Harten

but the urban members need to be told our story; agriculture is not on their radar screen.

The Food Safety and Modernization Act presents challenges between the Colorado Dept. of Public Health and the Dept. of Ag. The challenge for both is to determine what is harvest and what is processed food. Silage is now considered a "processed animal food" vs. a "harvest" and handling drives use of sanitary gloves, food safe lubricant on equipment and triggers a permit requirement. The permit presents a timing problem should hail destroy a corn crop, the stalks could still be made into silage but the time to obtain a permit may exceed the window of possible reuse of the damaged corn.

Hemp has the potential for use as an animal food and a federal determination, yes or no, with FDA approval is needed and the economics of hemp use needs research.

NAFTA — adding tariffs among Mexico, Canada, and the U.S., must be avoided. The Colo. Department of Agriculture (CDA) is marketing products to the Caribbean with dry beans and dehydrated milk going to the Dominican Republic and exploratory effort is underway to export to Cuba. They have no money but do want to

export products such as sugar and cigars. With departure of USSR/Russia, their remaining trading partners include Viet Nam and Venezuela (but that country is in distress). China is moving in meaning the U.S. can't stand by or risk loss of opportunity. Cuban agriculture technology equals that of "Jesus time" and they have no parts for their few tractors and the same is true for their railroads. Don saw nitrogen needs in crops. Cuba gets 80% of its food from imports. Privatization is expanding slightly, restaurants can now seat 40, but were previously limited to 8 guests.

CDA is expanding relations with federal agencies. Last year a staff person was hired to outreach to the USFS, BLM, and Conservation Service and to Colorado Parks and Wildlife. One challenge is to ensure domestic sheep and big horn sheep can remain on the same range, commonly federal land. A new position will be added to review the daily Federal Register publications where Colorado might be impacted by new programs and rules.

The legislative "meet and greet" hosted by the Ag Council is Wednesday 7 a.m., January 17, at the Capitol's Old Supreme Court Chambers and the Ag Day at the Capitol is Wednesday, March 21.

# Mandy Project

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Henry Pier

We would like to thank the following for donations received in the last few months: Grand View Grange, Tom Campion and Animas Valley Grange.

We are pleased to announce that the Pier family of Centennial is the recipient of \$500 from the Mandy Project for their 9-week old son, Henry. The Piers were blessed with a perfect pregnancy after experiencing a miscarriage and long months of waiting.

The pregnancy was uncomplicated and progressed wonderfully. They had hoped for an unmediated natural birth, but Henry had other plans. After his due date came and went, the doctor scheduled them for induction. Henry did not tolerate the induction well and they were rushed in for an emergency C-section.

After Henry arrived he struggled with some blood sugar issues and latching for breast feeding. After several weeks of struggling with issues they learned that he had lip and tongue tie, those were lasered. Henry seemed excessively fussy and unhappy, he was diagnosed with reflux and prescribed medication.

Henry failed the newborn hearing test at the hospital showed he had difficulties in his right ear. The hospital said not to worry sometimes it's just

fluid. He failed a second test and they were told that C-section babies often have fluid in their ears. Another test was done two weeks later which he failed. At that point they were referred to an audiologist who confirmed that Henry had moderate to severe hearing loss in his right ear.

After more tests they learned that his right ear hearing loss had worsened. Their medical insurance does not cover the cost of hearing tests or hearing aids, nor did it cover the dental visit for his tongue and lip tie. Cost of the hearing aids and fees is a little over \$2,800.

The family's goals for Henry are that he have the best chance at acquiring speech as close to developmentally appropriate as possible. They want him to grow up happy knowing that he can accomplish any of his dreams despite his hearing loss.

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**Darden**  
Jefferson County

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

February 3 — Darden Pomona Grange meets at Wheat Ridge Grange, 4 p.m. Meeting, 5 p.m. Potluck, Hobby Night to follow. Bring a hobby to share/show.

Darden Pomona Grange met in September for installation of officers. Delegates to the State Session in Colorado Springs were Marlys Halbeisen and Idella Lewis.

The annual Christmas Party held in conjunction with the Enterprise Grange Christmas Party was held at Enterprise Grange Dec. 9. Guests were present from The Carin' Clinic and Shannon's Hope in Arvada. Following a delicious potluck meal including turkey and all the trimmings, everyone went upstairs. Mike Lackey said that this was the 143rd Christmas celebration at Enterprise Grange. He read *The Night Before Christmas* story, Christmas carols were sung, Santa appeared, stuffed animals were selected, and a piñata was broken open, spilling out lots of candy. Everyone received a treat bag at the end of the evening. It was the true spirit of Christmas and a good time was had by all.

Idella Lewis

**Enterprise**

Contact Carol Lackey, carollackey@att.net, for further information.

Wednesday, January 10 — Potluck at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 14 — Valentine Party and Potluck at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 24 — 2 to 4 p.m. Friendship High Tea at the Enterprise Grange Hall.

Wednesday, March 14 — St. Patrick's Day Irish Potluck at 6:30 p.m.

Draping of the Charter for Andrea Broomhall will be at 7:30 p.m. January 10. Andrea was a beloved 50-year Golden Sheaf member. (See separate article in this month's *Granger*.) Please plan to attend to honor Andrea during this Grange ceremony.

Valentine Meeting Program at 7:30 p.m. will be presented by Ed Talbot, about an Earth Watch Adventure on the leatherback sea turtle. The leatherback sea turtle population in the Pacific Ocean has declined by over 90% since 1980. To truly understand why this ancient species has declined so rapidly and what can be done to stop this decline, researchers need to know everything about them: their behavior, physiology, genetics, population biology and migration patterns. Ed participated in this research and walked the beach at night when turtles are active, getting up close to attach transmitters that track their movements. He will give us a slide presentation and tell us all about these massive creatures. All are welcome.

Tickets are on sale for the Friendship High Tea at the Enterprise Grange Hall. Tickets will be \$15 per person. (Please purchase no later than Wednesday, February 14, 2018, for our planning purposes.) Tickets will be sold at the door for \$18 per person. Purchase tickets from any current Enterprise Grange member or for further information call or email: Carol Lackey at carollackey@att.net.

The High Tea is our fundraiser for Special Causes. Longtime member Eileen Figliolino needs a new prosthetic. Unfortunately, prosthetics are not covered under Medicare and are a very expensive item. We hope to help her



**Desserts at Enterprise Grange's Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner.**

With these costs through our High Tea.

Bring something green or something Irish to the St. Patrick's Day Irish Potluck on March 14 at 6:30 p.m. Irish music will be provided. Business and Planning meeting for Community Service Award and our Community Garden to follow.

We attended the final movie in the Chipotle Film Festival at the Botanic Gardens on November 14. The movie was "Hanna Ranch." It is a documentary about a rancher near Colorado Springs, who became a leader in the environmental ranching movement seeking to protect his way of life from developers and misuse. We were served a Chipotle burrito and given a 2 for 1 coupon for another burrito from the restaurant. It was a pleasant night out with friends.

On November 18 we got together for our annual Christmas Stocking Stuffing Party. We received a significant amount of donations from the Arvada community this year and from those that rent the Grange throughout the year. We also requested items through an Internet application called "Next-door." It was truly humbling realizing how generous people are. We filled 127 stockings for the seniors in Jefferson County. The total amount that were completed were 2,500 from all organizations but still 2,000 less than the need!

Our Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner was held on Wednesday, November 8. The Granges of Darden Pomona were represented and 37 of the Disadvantaged Children and parents referred from the Carin' Clinic and Shannon's Hope. We had plenty of leftover desserts so we sent many of the families home with extra pie. They were thrilled and really appreciated having the extras.

We held the Darden Pomona Christmas Dinner at the Enterprise Grange Hall this year on December 9. Potluck began at 5 p.m. for Friends and Family of the all the Granges and 37 of the Disadvantaged Children and parents referred from the Carin' Clinic and Shannon's Hope. The meal was a feast to behold with all the Grange members pitching in. We even had leftovers again!

The program after potluck included a Christmas Carol sing-a-long, children's performances and reading of *The Night Before Christmas* by the Master of Enterprise Mike Lackey. Santa Claus arrived and everyone sat on Santa's lap, got a small gift and told him their Christmas wishes. Carol Lackey made a Christmas ornament piñata for the children filled with small toys and candy. As everyone left for the evening, each received a bag full of goodies to take with them. A big THANK YOU to all the members of the Darden Pomona for making this such a memorable night. It definitely was a magical night for all!



**Santa visits with Leonard and Dorothy Dannels' great-granddaughter, Sophia.**

We are also working on other community service projects for December. We were notified of a family of nine and a family of three through the Carin' Clinic that are having an especially hard time this year and are receiving very few services from traditional social services. We are all pitching in to give each person a gift and a huge food basket for the families.

The Irving Street Women's Residence is a residential and support program designed to serve chronically homeless who are disabled or experience mental health issues. The facility houses 25 women in 15 sleeping rooms and there is no maximum length of stay. The program includes a home-like environment where the women can live without the fear of having to return to the streets within a specific amount of time. The women are empowered to care for themselves by maintaining their living space in a healthy and sanitary manner, as well as participating in food preparation, planning their daily activities and providing support to one another in the community living environment. We are putting together small boxes of personal items for each of them also.

Carol Lackey

**Maple Grove**

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

Maple Grove Grange members celebrated Christmas with a potluck dinner followed by a gift exchange around the Christmas tree. Ashley and Idella sang "Grandma Got Run Over By A Reindeer" with everyone joining in to sing the chorus. Jingle Bells was sung with bells, including a variety of Swiss cowbells, handed out for everyone to ring as we were singing. Items were collected for those less fortunate in the community.

A food drive was held during the fall to replenish the supply in local food banks. Renters using the Grange were also asked to contribute to the cause. Food that was collected was distributed in November. Under the direction of Bill and Marily Lane, members met one evening to make snowflakes to decorate the Grange Hall. They were hung from the light fixtures and added a festive touch for the holidays.

Eight brave souls went up to Golden Gate Canyon to cut the Grange Christmas tree after Thanksgiving. It was then decorated for everyone to enjoy during the Christmas season. LED lights were installed on the building outside and cement blocks and ropes were put in place to prevent anyone from making ruts in the north parking lot.

We wish everyone a New Year of good health and peace!

Idella Lewis



**Wheat Ridge High School choir performed Christmas songs during Wheat Ridge Grange's Christmas party.**

**Wheat Ridge**

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

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

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

Noon potluck second Monday game day.

Third Wednesday casino fundraiser.

Check out our Facebook page!

We have been very busy since State Convention.

October we had trunk or treat then a Halloween party. Some of us stayed until midnight playing hand and foot canasta.

November 2 we went to Maple Grove Grange to learn more of the history of Grange. Thank you Marlys and Dominick what a great job you did!

On December 2 we participated in the Wheat Ridge Community Tree Lighting. We had free hot chocolate and hot cookies. There may have been 1,000 people in and out of Wheat Ridge Grange that night.

December 14 the Christmas party — Wheat Ridge High School choir entertained us with lots of Christmas songs.

The new year will be as active and more so with our new members to help with the work!

Coming in January — Saturday the 20th at 5 p.m. — Chili Cook-off! Enter a pot of chili, or just taste and judge all the chilis we have. Adults \$7. Children \$4. Benefiting Feed the Future.

February 22, 6:30 p.m. — social potluck and game night.

March 22, Community talent show. Come join the fun at Wheat Ridge Grange!!!

Charlene Porter

**Pleasant Park**

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

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

February 10 — Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed by Potluck Lunch.

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

We had a fun Christmas Party after the meeting and potluck on December 9 and exchanged White Elephant gifts.

The 35th annual Christmas Parade and Festival in Conifer was a huge success because of the warm weather. Yvonne and Denise worked in the Spirit Tent selling tickets for the activities.

We gave \$300 worth of unwrapped toys to the



**Wheat Ridge Grangers attended Maple Grove Grange's presentation on the history of the Grange.**



**Halloween Trunk or Treat at Wheat Ridge.**

Mountain Resource Center for their Children's Christmas Party for the less fortunate families in our area.

Many of our members are part of The Salvation Army Conifer Extension and assist with the Red Kettle Campaign. The donations assist families along the 285 Corridor. They also provided gifts to 40 Angel Tree children and seniors.

Jim Helker (Executive Board), Don Morris (Assistant Steward) and David Lewis (Steward) were installed as our newest officers at the December meeting. All other positions were retained by the present officers.

Happy Birthday to Joan Usher who turned 93 on November 13, and Betty Long will be 93 on February 12. They attend all the meetings and we are blessed to have them in our Grange.

Abe Lincoln was our guest speaker after the Thanksgiving Dinner on November 11. Thank you to everyone who attended. Abe gave a very enjoyable talk and the weather was perfect. He will be speaking after the Thanksgiving Dinner on November 10, 2018. He will give a different talk. Mark your calendars!

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

All Grange members can use our Grange Hall for a donation. Contact Donna Beck at 303-907-9855 if you want to plan an event there.

Yvonne Ludwig



**Thanksgiving speaker Abe Lincoln.**



**White Elephant gifts exchanged at the Pleasant Park Christmas Party.**



**Master Mike Lackey reading *The Night Before Christmas*.**



**The children ready for the piñata.**



**Festive Christmas volunteers!**



## Golden Gate

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

January 4 — Grange Meeting, 3-4 p.m.

January 14 — Pancake Breakfast, 8-10:30 a.m.

January 19 — History Night, 7 p.m.

February 1 — Grange Meeting, 3-4 p.m.

February 10 — Mardi Gras Private Party (all invited).

February 11 — Pancake Breakfast, 8-10:30 a.m.

March TBD — Chili Cook-Off.

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

Pancake Breakfasts are held on the second Sunday of each month.

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

Our thanks to Kim and Paul Trost who organized an extremely informative lecture on Fraud and Crime Prevention given by Cary Johnson, Jefferson County Assistant District Attorney. Mr. Johnson covered strategies to prevent identity theft and the ensuing fraudulent use of personal information.

The Holiday Craft Fair was held on November 11. Thanks to all the talented crafters who participated, including Grange members Elle Phillips, Alyn Hansen, Susan Vincent, Helene and John Arendt, Mary Ramstetter, Judy Madison.

Wreath Making and Kids' Holiday Craft Event gave folks a chance to make their own wreath with greenery from our local foothills. This is always a popular event. We had a great group of kids involved with holiday crafts while the adults built their beautiful wreaths.

Thanks to The Peak-to-Peak Chorus, who presented a musical play at the Golden Gate Grange. This was a free performance!

The Golden Gate Grange once again held a toy drive and wrapping party for the Jefferson County Foster Family Association. Thanks to all who participated by donating gifts and wrapping an enormous number of



Kim and Paul Trost organized the Fraud and Crime Prevention presentation given by Jefferson County Assistant District Attorney Cary Johnson.



Golden Gate's toy drive and wrapping party for the Jefferson County Foster Family Association.

gifts. This annual event epitomizes the spirit of the season. Thanks to Janet and Dave Primmer for their leadership in this worthy effort.

The Golden Gate Grange held a Christmas Sing-Along. Hopefully, this will become a canyon tradition.

We will hold our History Night in January. It is scheduled for January 19. More information will be available on our website, Facebook or through emails.

There will be a private party to celebrate Mardi Gras on Saturday, February 10. All are invited to attend. Karaoke and other fun will ensue. More details will be available in the New Year!

We will hold our 2nd Annual Chili Cook-Off in March. All participants must register in advance. Look for an email on the details in February.

Yoga classes continue to be a popular offering at the Golden Gate Grange. Classes are held on Mondays at 1:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 5 p.m. Single classes are \$10 or 10 classes for \$80 for Grange members.

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

Rich Phillips

## 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. — Jan. 10, Feb. 14, Mar. 14.

Music Open Stage — Our monthly Sunday music Open Stage was held on December 10. We had nine performers and a total of 26 people in attendance. Dates for 2018 are: Jan. 7, Feb. 11, March 11 and April 15. Sign-up for performers is 1:15 p.m., and music is performed from 1:30-3:30 p.m. All types of acoustic music are welcome: folk, country, bluegrass, blues, jazz, pop, light rock, classical. Performers and listeners are welcome, and refreshments are provided by the Grange. The event is free and hosted by Bruce and Marcia Johnson. Please contact Bruce for more information at 720-301-6367.

Grange Officers for 2018 — In

**Deadline For The March-April 2018 Issue Of The Colorado Granger Is February 15, 2018.**

September we elected new officers for 2018 as follows: President - Rosemary Bruce; Vice-President - Kellie Beran; Secretary - Bruce Johnson; Treasurer - Sue Wilson; and Executive Committee Members - Kellie Beran, Sue Wilson and Dick Hicks.

Grange Member "Meet and Greet" — Instead of our monthly business meeting on November 8, all of our Grange members were invited to come to the Grange Hall to meet and visit with other Grange members and the current officers. We are actively seeking to involve more members in what is happening at our Grange. While we had a small turn-out, we will continue more discussion in the new year, while we consider ideas for making and keeping the Grange a sustainable entity in the future.

Bruce Johnson

### Liberty Hall

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

Meetings: Third Thursday of every quarter. Our next scheduled meeting dates are: January 18, April 19, July 19, October 18.

In our last meeting we held a team building exercise where we all got to learn more about each other. For our next meeting, we will be discussing the writings, *Sacred Sustainability*, and we hope to get the author to attend.

Bob Clevenger

## Progressive

Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas & Elbert Counties

### Castlewood

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

Upcoming Events:

Regular Meeting, Potluck, Clean Up Day, January 13, 10 a.m.

Stock Show Outing, between January 6-18 — Call for more information.

Many of our members toured the Celestial Seasonings plant in Boulder in October. It was a very informative tour of the Colorado manufacturing plant and the production of tea and herbal teas.

Our annual Harvest Dinner was enjoyed by over 40 people in November. It was a community celebration as well as an observance of the harvest and Thanksgiving.

Our family Christmas celebration was held on our regular meeting day. We had a cookie exchange, shared family traditions and played some fun holiday games. Non-perishable food items were brought by all for the Covenant Cupboard Food Bank in Greenwood Village, a partner with Food Bank of the Rockies.



Grangers toured the Celestial Seasonings plant in Boulder.



Bonnie Kerley

It is with great sadness we report that one of our long-time members, Bonnie Kerley, passed away. She was a member of the Castlewood community since its inception and would have received her 50-year Golden Sheaf pin next year. Bonnie was an active member of her church and the

quitting circle there, the Castlewood Volunteer Fire Department and of our Grange.

She served in many capacities and offices heading up our Women's Activities for years and most recently on the Executive Board. She was "the hostess with the mostest," always being sure everyone was served before she could enjoy the festivities. We will miss her greatly as will her husband Isaac, who is also a Grange member, and her family. Cards can be sent to Isaac and family at P.O. Box 46, Sedalia, CO 80135-0046.

We are planning an outing to attend the National Western Stock Show in January. Other Grangers are welcome to attend with us. Please contact Joan Hill or Joyce Mountain as noted above, for more information.

Joyce Mountain



Holiday traditions, cookies and games were enjoyed at Castlewood Grange's Family Christmas celebration.



## Pikes Peak

El Paso and Teller Counties

### Florissant

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

BE SURE TO JOIN US FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS:

Jan. 13, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. — Pine needle basket making class.

Jan. 20, 6 p.m. — Dinner/Concert. Music by Kontiki. All instrumental "beach" type music. Break out the flip flops, Hawaiian shirts etc. Tickets \$35 per person.

Feb. 11, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. — Valentine Brunch.

Hope you all had a safe and happy holiday season. Welcome to 2018. Where did '17 go?

Due to unforeseen circumstances, our kids Halloween Party had to be cancelled. It was indeed a letdown and I apologize to all the children in our community who had been looking forward to it. We will do our best to never let that happen again.

Our pre and free Thanksgiving din-

ner was a huge success this year. Many of our members pulled together and made it another wonderful event. The official count at the side door was 155 but, we had folks coming in all three doors. (Maybe it's a good thing our windows weren't open too!) Anyway, from what we saw, we believe we had upwards of 200 people this year.

Fortunately it was a beautiful evening and many folks sat outside at our picnic tables. We're sorry to say we ran short of seating but, happy to say we were able to provide such a wonderful event for our community. A pleasant crowd! Everyone seemed to stick around longer this year to enjoy the food, music and each other's company. A great time was had by all. Thank you, again, to all who helped!

Our kids Christmas Party was held on Dec. 9. Wow! What a turnout! Mr. and Mrs. Claus happened to make an early stop here in Florissant and approximately 50 children brought their parents in to meet them! Many of the children even had their picture taken with Mr. & Mrs. C by one of our members who just happened to have

her photo printer there! Goody bags were handed out to the boys and girls by the great bearded one. Face painting, hot cocoa, cookies and crafts were also enjoyed by the younger folks. Crafts included, ornament making and coloring special hot cocoa mugs to take home! I didn't know there were that many young'uns in Florissant. Awesome party.

Once again we will be providing Christmas baskets to a few families in need in our area. We've been fortunate to receive a donation of hams for said baskets and are receiving other donations of food and gifts for the children of these families at this writing. We will have more on this in the next issue.

That's the news for now from Florissant. Doesn't seem like much to report but, wow, what a busy two months it's been. As always, you're cordially invited to attend our potluck/dance every Wednesday evening beginning at 6 p.m.. The music starts around 6:30 p.m. and goes to about 8 p.m. (Cuz most of the musicians are of the "more mature" age group and can't play much longer than that. :))

Ed Oppermann



"Kids" of all ages sat on Santa's lap to talk about their Christmas wish lists! (See Master Alan below...)



Mr. & Mrs. Claus visited the party in Florissant.



Kids and parents doing Christmas crafts, including ornament making and coloring mugs to take home.





**Florida**

Contact Elizabeth Hiner, 970-382-1509, [Floridagrango306@yahoo.com](mailto:Floridagrango306@yahoo.com), for more information.

Our Holiday party December 9 was a lot of fun. We had a small group and missed those who were unable to attend. For clarification, these events are always open to the public. Our dessert auction was also successful. We raised \$200 to go to La Plata Electric Association to help pay a needy family's electric bill. Thank you all for your generosity.

We accepted toys for Project Merry Christmas through Friday, Dec. 15. Thank you to everyone who has donated to this project.

**Projects In The Works**

Our next meeting is on January 10, 2018, to plan our activities for the year. We are working on or have put together a couple of seminars or presentations on:

1. One of our projects will be Square Dancing classes. Classes will start on Monday, January 15, 2018, from 7-8:30 p.m.
2. Suicide prevention/cyber security class.
3. Weed control.
4. Chili Cook-off (Feb.-March).
5. Book Club (Feb. for first meeting).
6. Cooking, Gardening, Quilting Classes.
7. Public Meetings with representatives.

If you have an idea for a presentation please let Amy, Mary, or Elizabeth know.

We rent our hall out on a regular basis to the following:

- Zumba is in the hall five (5) days a week with three instructors.
- Maika @ 801-319-8577 for Monday and Wednesday evening classes;
- Sara/Bundy @ 970-382-1228 for Monday thru Friday classes. Please

contact them for times.

We also host Boy Scout Troop 508 for their weekly and monthly pack and den meetings.

Two 4-H groups, the Four Leafs and the Mountaineers, for their monthly meetings.

The Durango Kennel Club will hold six of their meetings at the hall, with the other meetings off site for functions. They have been with us off and on since the first of the year.

We are adding a square dancing class to our regular hall rentals starting in January. An open house was held on December 21, with classes starting January 15, 2018, from 7-8:30 p.m.

Quotation: "In this life we cannot do great things. We can only do small things with great love."

— Mother Teresa

Check out our Facebook Group Page: Florida Grange #306 (We have two pages, group page is better).

Elizabeth Hiner

**Marvel**

Contact Cindy Greer, 970-588-3386 or [hcrdgreer@frontier.net](mailto:hcrdgreer@frontier.net), for further information.

January 20 — Chili Cook-off and Baked Goods Auction to benefit local families.

February 2 — Business Meeting 7:30 p.m. — Program: Tom Campaign.

February 3 — Marvel United Methodist Ground Hog Supper 4-7 p.m.

February 24 — Luau March 2 — Business Meeting 7:30 p.m. — Program

March 16 — Pollinators program.

The Taste of Marvel potluck was held in November with around 28 in attendance. Several individuals brought crafts that they make to display and a local author brought copies of her books. Isaac, Billy, Nathen and Brianna Greer shared their musical talents following the supper. Cindy Greer shared the History of Marvel

that was found in a couple of local history books, but the best part was the longtime community residents sharing the history they recalled.

We were saddened by the loss of a community member in November. The Grange provided sugar and lent out beverage dispensers for the funeral dinner.

In December the Secret Sister group met for their annual gathering at the home of Sheryl Ayers. They revealed who their secret sister was this past year and drew names for the coming year. Enjoyed snacks and fellowship.

We held our Waffle night on a Saturday this year (the 16th) due to the local elementary school program being on the 15th. Grangers and community members brought waffle toppings and side dishes. The Grange provided the waffles and beverages. The community breakfast on the 30th was well attended and several individuals had a good time at our "All American" New Year's Eve Party, which began with an all American meal of hot-dogs, toppings (chili, cheese, onions), chips, soda, and apple and cherry pie. Door prizes were given out throughout the evening as people played various table games.

We are excited to welcome new member Dave Mathias into the Grange.

We will be upgrading our electrical panel and breakers as well as adding an electrical strip in the serving window of the kitchen and an outlet on the main floor for the piano.

Our program in December was all about celebrating the Grange's 150th birthday and learning about the founders of the Grange.

Cindy Greer

**Marvel JGs**

Contact: Cindy Greer [hcrdgreer@frontier.net](mailto:hcrdgreer@frontier.net), or Jenna Greer [djbngreer@live.com](mailto:djbngreer@live.com), or 970-588-3386 for further information.

Jan. 23 — Meeting at 5 p.m.

Feb. 27 — Meeting at 5 p.m.

We have been meeting on the fourth Tuesday this fall. So far we have been working on learning the opening and marching in as well as making several crafts. In November we did some painting on tiles with permanent markers and alcohol. In December we worked on Holiday crafts and had a Christmas party as well as decorating the Grange Hall for Christmas.

We have three new members. Welcome to Penny, Lila and Addy Piene. Cindy Greer

**Mt. Allison**

Contact Larry Corman, [Larry\\_Corman@hotmail.com](mailto:Larry_Corman@hotmail.com), or 970-884-4762 for further information.

Upcoming events:

- January 15 — monthly business meeting, 7 p.m. — Grange Hall
- March 31 — Easter Supper (5-7 p.m.) — Grange Hall

- May 21 — Achievement meeting — Mt. Allison, 7:30 p.m.

Thanks to all that helped with the Christmas breakfast on December 9. A bunch of pancakes, biscuits and gravy, and sausage was served to our neighbors. It was wonderful to see everyone along with their generosity in filling up the table with food items.

Thanks especially goes to Yvonne Chapman for having a Bingo game to "advertise" the 150th anniversary of National Grange. It was both educational and fun — thanks, Yvonne!

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

Stay warm and pray for snow!  
Larry Corman



The Christmas breakfast at Mt. Allison Grange was enjoyed by Grange members and neighbors on December 9. Generous donations filled the food drive table.



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