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The Colorado State Grange will be one of the states hosting the National Convention in 2021. We're looking for an individual who would be willing to act as the Colorado Coordinator for this convention.

What will the duties entail? Participating in Zoom meetings, organizing volunteers for the tasks assigned to our state, helping with fundraisers if needed, attending the 2021 National Convention.

What are some of the qualities this person needs to have? A person who is passionate about the Grange, a good communicator, can delegate, willing and able to participate in Zoom meetings, and organized.

When will they need to be begin? As early as March 2019.

Interested persons should contact the State President/Master Cindy Greer as soon as possible.

Thanks To Colorado Grange Museum Old Issues Of *The Colorado Granger* Can Now Be Accessed Online

by Audrey Maydew
Secretary/Treasurer

Colorado Grange Museum

Several years ago, while Karen Baron was president of the Museum board, she arranged with the Colorado History Museum to have all *The Colorado Granger* newspapers put onto microfiche. They did this as a free service for us. These days it is hard to find equipment to read microfiche. I found a company that would take the microfiche and digitize it into PDFs for a small fee. You can now use this link to go and view all the old *Granger* newspapers in the comfort of your home (your computer must have a PDF reader, like Adobe installed): <http://coloradogranger.org/granger.html>.

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There are many interesting articles and it is fun to look at some of the old ads. Unfortunately, some of the original microfiche scanning quality was not very good. Some of the articles are hard to read, but there is still a lot of interesting information available.

I hope you get a chance to enjoy this important piece of Grange history.

Background Checks

The Colorado State Grange Executive Committee has decided to utilize IntelliCorp as the service that will do background checks on Grange leaders who will have direct supervision over children and youth. The cost of each background check will be \$19. The State Grange will pay for background checks on the individual who will be helping with state Junior and Youth Activities. Subordinate Granges who desire to have individuals checked are invited to utilize the service, but should be willing to pay for the service. Please contact either Daniel Greer or Cindy Greer if you need assistance.

The National Grange will be using Safe Gatherings — their service costs \$35 per check.



National Grange Officers at 2018 National Grange Convention in Stowe, Vermont.



National Junior Grange Ambassador Billy Greer

Master vs. President, Etc.

According to the *National Grange Digest* in section 4.10.1 The following alternative titles may be used: President for Master, Vice-President for Overseer, Program Director for Lecturer, Greeter for Gatekeeper, and Board of Directors for Executive Committee. It is understood that these titles are interchangeable within the printed materials of the Grange.



Colorado Grangers in attendance at National Grange Convention in Stowe, Vermont: Ruth Wilson, Joanie Broderick, Harry Greer, Cindy Greer, Billy Greer, and Daniel Greer.

Scholarship Applications Due April 15

College or trade school bound students need to remember that applications to the Colorado State Grange Leadership and Scholarship Foundation are due April 15, 2019. Applications can be found on the State Grange website, cogranger.org.

To be eligible, students must be members of a Colorado Grange or children or grandchildren of a Grange member.

Applications must be accompanied by a current transcript from the applicant's most recent learning institution. The scholarship awards vary but recently the awards have been \$1,500 per academic year.

Scholarship applications must be submitted via email to grangescholarshipfoundation@gmail.com.



**Make Plans
Now
To Attend!**

**2019
State
Session**

**September
26-28, 2019**

State Session 2019 will be September 26 through 28, held in Centennial, at the Castlewood Grange, 7275 S. Lima Street. Make your plans now.



2019 Quilt Block Contest

RULES

- The National Grange Quilt Block Contest is open to everyone.
- All contest entries must be received by the National Grange Lecturer by **October 31, 2019**. 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 153rd National Grange convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- 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 other items to be sold at a later date to raise funds for the Grange Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit entity.
- A 2019 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 entrants.

See directions for the 2019 Quilt Block Contest pattern on Page 3.

Important Dates

Call individual Granges for more information.

Every Monday Night	Redlands Mesa — Tai Chi Classes — 5 p.m.
January - TBD	Florissant Grange — Dinner Concert with "Kon Tiki"
January 8	Florissant Grange Quilt of Valor Guild 9 a.m. to noon
January 12	Florissant Grange — Pine Needle Basket Class 9 a.m. to noon
January 12	Wheat Ridge — Second Saturday Sale
January 13	Golden Gate — Pancake Breakfast 8 to 10:30 a.m.
January 19	Marvel — Chili Cook-off and dessert auction
January 25	Golden Gate — History Night — 7 to 8:30 p.m.
February 4	Wheat Ridge — Chili Cook-off to benefit Feed the Future
February 9	Florissant Grange — Pine Needle Basket Class 9 a.m. to noon
February 9	Golden Gate — Valentine's Party — 7 to 9 p.m.
February 9	Wheat Ridge — Second Saturday Sale
February 10	Golden Gate — Pancake Breakfast — 8 to 10:30 a.m.
February 12	Florissant Grange Quilt of Valor Guild 9 a.m. to noon
February 16	Florissant Grange — Valentine Community Breakfast 8 to 11 a.m.
February 23	Marvel — Annual Luau Dinner and Program

Master's Message

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The founders of the Grange recognized the importance of purpose and demonstrated insight into how to build an effective organization. It's hard to get people involved in purposelessness. It's impossible to gain commitment without purpose. With clear purpose, it should become equally clear that there is work for everyone. If there is no purpose, then there is no work. It would be like asking people to show up to weed a garden where nothing had been planted.

Another insight of our founders was building a grassroots organization. While the umbrella is important each Subordinate/Community Grange gets to create their own image- an opportunity that does encourage commitment. Personally, I believe the diversity in our Order is one of our biggest strengths. We can say with confidence, "There is work for all," because our organization is built to accommodate different passions. Walter Boomsma, Exploring Traditions — Celebrating the Grange Way of Life.

The beginning of a new year (2019) often has one thinking about what they want to accomplish. I hope that your Grange has taken time to discuss what they want to accomplish in this coming year.

Do you have a firm grasp on what the **Purpose** of your Subordinate/Community or Pomona Grange is? What is your **MISSION**?

Can outsiders tell you what the Purpose of your Subordinate/Community Grange is?

The Grange is a unique fraternity, in that the National Grange was the first, who then established Subordinate/Community Granges and when enough Subordinate/Community Granges existed in a state then a state organization was established. Sometimes a county or Pomona Grange was established to allow the surrounding Granges to work together on issues that concerned that area. So for me the Subordinate/Community Granges are the grassroots of the organization as a whole. Each one unique, meeting the needs of their particular community, whether that be rural or urban. We all have some issues that affect all and those are the issues that we can work together on, whether it be at a county level, a state level, or a national level.

If you can't define what the **PURPOSE** of your Subordinate/Community Grange is, I Challenge you to work on that as a group and establish a **PURPOSE**. Start small and build on that. Remember that:

A Dream written down with a date becomes a GOAL.

A Goal broken down into steps becomes a PLAN.

A Plan backed by ACTION becomes a reality.

GREAT PLAINS

REGIONAL CONFERENCE

JUNE 14-16, 2019

Hampton Inn & Suites Waco South
2501 Market Place Drive, Waco, TX 76711
(254) 662-9500

SAVE THE DATE- DETAILED INFORMATION TBA

Granger Deadline And Guidelines

February 15, 2019, is the deadline for articles for the March-April 2019 edition of *The Colorado Granger*. You can send them to the State Grange Office, 2009 CR 31, Florissant, CO 80816 or email costatgrange@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)

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.

Email: costatgrange@gmail.com

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

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ZIP CODE _____

(GIVE ROUTE AND BOX NUMBER)

Send to: Colorado State Grange
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Notes From The Secretary

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A Positive Point of View

Hello from Florissant. It is a cold winter so far and we are getting some snow now and then, not much, but better than last year.

Things are going well here in the Colorado State Grange Office and it is the beginning of a brand new year. 2019 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.

We are still getting quite a few change of address "returns" to the office. If your address has changed, please notify the office right away so that you don't miss out on your copy of the *Granger* and so that the office isn't charged with a bevy of postage due fees. That would really help us out. Many of you have done that this year and we appreciate your help.

Reading all your articles as they are sent in for this edition of the

Claudia's Corner



by Claudia the Skunk from the National Grange Herd

Meet four more of the Colorado State Grange Officers/Directors on a more personal level:

Renee Caldwell, CSG Secretary is a member of Florissant Grange. Renee is a retired legal assistant, office manager, computer operator. She is a member of the Florissant Historical Society, Florissant Quilters, Florissant Gardening Club, Basket Makers Guild, High Altitude Painting and Art Guild. She and her husband Alan have three daughters, three wonder-

ful sons-in-law, and six grandchildren. They became Grangers on a challenge and 12 years later they are still going strong. She sings and is learning to play the guitar.

Her personal motto is: *Never Compromise Your Integrity.*

John Cruz, CSG Executive Committee member is a member of Maple Grove Grange #134. He is retired from the U.S. Government. John is involved in Telecom Pioneer and Beep Ball which coordinates the repair of Beep Eggs and Beep Balls for the blind. He and his wife have four sons which includes a set of twins. His favorite Granger is Dean Jessop. John has been a Grange member for 17 years. He would really like to win the lottery.

His personal motto is: *Never Give In, Never Stop.*

Idella Lewis, CSG CO-Director of Family and Women's Activities is a member of Maple Grove Grange #154. Idella is a retired Consumer and Family Studies teacher from Jefferson County Public Schools and Denver Public Schools. She retired twice. She worked for 39.5 years in public schools.

Idella is also involved in Church, Wheat Ridge Historical Society and International Folk Dancing Group.

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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 is always enlightening. I love to read about what you are doing at your Granges and how you have helped others during the Christmas season.

Your Roster has been sent out and you should have it by now. Hopefully you sent in your "List of Officers and Directors" so that all of the information about your Grange is correct, such as addresses, times for meetings, the list of Officers, etc...

You received your new *Handbook* in the November/December *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.

Always keep an "I Can" attitude.

She has seven nieces and nephews. She joined Junior Grange at the age of five and has been active in Grange ever since at the local, Pomona and State level. She has been a Grange member for 53 years. She hopes to finish working on projects and being involved in the community and all activities in organization that she is involved with.

Her personal motto is: *Live Life To The Fullest Each Day!*

Lisa Mittan, Community Service Director is a member of Enterprise Grange #25. She has been a member for seven years. Lisa is an I.T. Agilist for Scrum Alliance. She is also a member of the Mile Hi Chapter Project Management Institute, and Shaklee Front Range Associations.

Lisa's favorite Grange experience was the first High Tea that Enterprise Grange had which helped Ms. Eileen with the funds she needed for a new prosthetic leg. It was so much fun, and they had a fantastic turnout, and these ladies knew how to enjoy their tea! They all worked together to plan it, and then to prepare the foods and decorate the room and set the tables. They had a wonderfully exhausting day, and Eileen got the help she needed!

Lisa enjoys her cats and nieces and nephews. She hopes to clean out her home office in the near future.

Her personal motto is to try to combine intuition with rational thought. If she doesn't automatically know what to do in a given situation, she tries to wait a few minutes so she can ask herself this question: "What is the right thing to do?" What solution would be the most fair for both sides, or for the largest number of the stakeholders involved, and so it's clear to all that the proposed solution is fair?

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Perhaps after belonging to the Grange for 40 years, a tidbit, an ounce, a nugget of truth finally sparked into my awareness.

Guess what? We are a Fraternal Order. We are specifically, The Fraternal Order of Patrons of Husbandry. In our case we are also a sorority or sisterly order.

What does all that mean? It means that we are a brotherhood and sisterhood. That our personal relations are at the heart of our organization. That all we really need to do is share this gift of fraternity with our members and with our friends, family and neighbors. To extend this fellowship should be our goal.

All the programs, the awards, the speakers, the projects, the potlucks, and everything else that are trappings of our Order are what we do. Fraternalism is what we should be about.

Thesaurus.com lists many words that are related to the word **fraternal**: affectionate, altruistic, amicable, benevolent, charitable, compassionate, comprehending, comradely, cordial, forgiving, generous, humane, kindly, neighborly, personal, philanthropic, selfless, sympathetic, tender, understanding.

So, as we plan our plans and do our doings, let's let fraternalism be at the heart of our actions this year and the next and the next.

Junior Grange And Youth

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WINTER IS HERE! And on the western part of the state we already have more snow on the ground that we did all year last year! We are so excited.

Where do we start; there is so much exciting news to talk about. I guess let's start with the announcement that Billy Greer was selected as the **National Jr. Grange Ambassador for the 2019 year!!** Way to go Billy!! This is a huge honor, not only for Billy, but also for the state of Colorado. We attended National Session this year in Stowe, Vermont. During the session Billy went through an interview process, and a team observed all of the Jr. Ambassadors to make their selection. Billy had the opportunity to give a presentation on the differences between dairy cattle and beef cattle for all the JRs that attended. In this role Billy will get the opportunity to attend several different State JG camps and regional events throughout the year. He will also be attending National Session next year in Minnesota.



National Session was a lot of fun. We toured the Vermont state building, a museum. Oh yeah, we also made the trip to the Ben & Jerry's ice cream factory!! Of course we had to try some fresh Ben & Jerry's while we were there. It was horrible, I tried to convince Billy that he should just let me have his, but he wouldn't budge. Ha Ha.

We are still working on planning a fun family event this spring! If you have any ideas please don't hesitate to let us know. We are looking for fun activities on the Western Slope this year. Currently we are looking at

Black Canyon (Gunnison area), the DSNG train, or possibly Moab, UT. (We know Moab is not in Colorado, but there is some fun stuff there like arches and canyon lands).

This year's Junior Grange Awareness Program is the Dairy industry. So get your JRs out there and start learning about dairy farms, big and small.

Now on to Youth, we are still super excited to take on the Youth program for Colorado. But we really need to grow our state youth program. We have been working with North Carolina and Pennsylvania youth directors to see how they operate their youth programs. We are hoping to be making some changes to our program in the coming months. Definitely stay tuned and again we would really appreciate your input. We are working on getting some social media started for the Colorado Youth department as well. We'll keep you informed.

The big news in the youth department is that Charlene Espenshade will be stepping down as National Youth Director shortly. The next youth director has not been named yet to our knowledge.

I guess that's all for now from our corner.

Stay Warm. God Bless.



Community Service

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Happy New Year Grangers! As we begin a new year, the memories of all of the activities in which we all participate for others during the holidays are fresh in our minds. We still have the good feelings from helping, and the folks who benefited from those activities are still feeling less alone and more loved.

Our Colorado Governor, John Hickenlooper, repeated his annual tradition as a volunteer at the Denver Rescue Mission, as a server of its annual Thanksgiving dinner for those who wouldn't otherwise have one. "People here come from families just like I did," he said. "Good people with some bad breaks. Our measure as a society is a willingness to work to help people just like these."

At my home Grange, Enterprise, we had Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners, wrapped presents to meet

wish-lists, and delivered food boxes to our adopted families in need from our community, for this season. It feels really good to imagine these people opening their presents and getting things they had actually asked for, and sitting down together to some family meals they wouldn't have otherwise been able to afford. These folks have expressed their gratitude and most have said that without our gifts, they would have had nothing.

I'm not bragging about Enterprise — I'm just using this as an example from my personal experience of how grateful I am to have the chance to multiply my personal efforts with those of others to truly give parents the joy of seeing their kids be excited opening presents at Christmas, and knowing they will have a good family holiday meal together plus have more in their cupboard besides that.

Let's face it — we wouldn't do these things if it didn't make us feel good too. So, here's my challenge to you for 2019: don't wait another 11 months for that feeling. The food you donated to a food bank during their holiday or year-end drive, or to specific families for Christmas will need to be replenished. Those families may need a little more help, for a while longer, to get back on their feet. There are other families who may be fine today, but who will be facing challenges a few months from now.

Kids need mentors, such as Big Brothers and Big Sisters. I read something not too long ago about a severe shortage in youth athletic league referees. There are volunteers who referee multiple football, soccer, and baseball games in the same weekend — sometimes driving several miles between games — in order that games don't have to be cancelled, simply because there is no one to referee them.

Donate blood. Don't wait for a major crisis in your area, or somewhere else in the country even, to help keep the blood banks full. As Bill Murray's character, Frank Cross, in the movie Scrooged says, "You have to do something. You have to take a chance. You do have to get involved. There are people that are having trouble making their miracle happen. There are people that don't have enough to eat, or people that are cold... I get it now! And if you give, than it can happen, then the miracle can happen to you! It's not just the poor and the hungry, it's everybody who's got to have this miracle! If you believe in this spirit thing, the miracle will happen and then you'll want it to happen again tomorrow. ...it can happen every day, you've just got to want that feeling."

Let's go — let's make 2019 a whole year of miracles!



Family & Women's Activities

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The 2019 quilt block has been selected for the National Quilt Block Contest. The National Quilt Block Contest is open to Grange members as well as non-Grange members. There is an adult division as well as a junior division. There will be a con-

test at the 2019 State Session at Castlewood Grange with the winning entry being sent on to the National Grange contest. Quilt blocks are made into a quilt and raffled off at the National Session.

Entries must be received by Octo-

ber 31, 2019 and sent to National Grange Lecturer Christine Hemp, along with the entry form. There is no limit on the number of entries that can be sent in to the National Contest. See the information on Page 1 and below for the specifics for the quilt block.



2019 Quilt Block Contest

Pride of Quillisascut
(based on the Disappearing Nine Patch, also called Split Nine Patch)

Fabric:

Three fabrics. The key to this block is that there is good contrast between all three fabrics.

Fabric A should be a medium to dark print.
Fabric B should be significantly lighter than fabric A.
Fabric C should be BRIGHT! Not a pastel bright, but a **strong BRIGHT!**

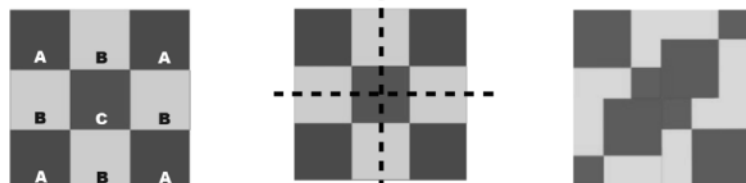
All fabric used should be cotton.

Constructing the Quilt Block:

Cut all pieces to 4-½ inch x 4-½ inch square.
Fabric A: Cut four.
Fabric B: Cut four.
Fabric C: Cut one.

Use a ¼ inch seam allowance. Sew into three rows: ABA, BCB, ABA. Sew the rows together into a single block.

Cut the block into four equal pieces through the middle.
Rotate two blocks.
Sew the block back together.
Press all seams.
Clip and remove all threads.
Unfinished block should measure 12-½ inches x 12-½ inches.



Note: Special recognition and thanks to the Quillisascut Quilters of Quillisascut Grange #372 in rural, northeast Washington state for taking on the challenge of selecting the block for the 2019 National Grange Quilt Block Contest by virtue of one of their members, Joan Roberson, winning the 2017 contest. Fantastic work!

P.I.C.K.

People Improving Communities And Kids
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Now is the time to start planning for your Grange's future capital improvements needs. I was recently reminded that in July of 2020 PICK will be eligible to apply to the Coors Family Foundation for another grant. They were very specific in stating that the request would have to be for a *rural Grange outside of the Front Range*.

For all others we can look for potential funding provided that you provide us with information that is needed: What the project is for, how much it will cost, how it will be accomplished, how much (\$) your Grange will be able to put toward the project.

Grant funds are not necessarily free — many times the grants are matching grants, which means that your Grange has to be able to match the funds received in some way, either with additional \$ or sweat equity.

Applying for grants takes time — usually three to six months. That's why you need to start planning now for those future projects. Oftentimes we'll apply to six different foundations and if we're lucky we'll hear from one. Sometimes smaller local foundations are much faster in their response, and many times they don't require the 501c3 status, so it's important to keep your eyes and ears open to opportunities. If you do find a local foundation that needs a 501c3 please contact PICK and we'll do our best to help you.

We'd love to enlist the help of Grangers who have had experience writing grants.



Agriculture Report

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Below are comments from the Fall meeting of the Ag Council held in December, Terry Fankhouser, chairman. For the next legislative session the Council meeting format will depart from the early morning meetings held every two weeks to topic driven mid-day meetings spaced at two or three weeks. The intent is to increase ag producer attendance, increase educational benefit, and provide interaction among legislators and ag producers.

Very early in the session, the Council will focus in providing our agricultural message, basic "Agriculture 101" instructions to the returning and fresh legislators, 18 new faces in the House and several in the Senate. To that end, a transition document of our key points from the Council will be provided to inform the legislators on our concerns, water being a high priority and what it means to our state and its importance to agriculture. When I receive this in draft, I will share via email.

The new Speaker of the House, KC Becker introduced herself, her background, and her directions for the House. She has a farm family background, citrus and timber in Florida and Georgia prior to moving to Colorado, was the House Minority Leader for two years, is an attorney, worked for the USDI, and was on the City of Boulder City Council.

Speaker Becker intends to reorganize certain House Committees:

- **The Agriculture, Livestock and Natural Resources Committee** has been renamed the Rural Affairs Committee. It will oversee issues of particular importance to rural Colorado such as agriculture, water, rural broadband, and rural economic development.
- There will be a newly created Energy and Environment Committee.
- **The Health Insurance and Environment Committee** has been renamed the Health and Insurance Committee.
- **The Transportation and Energy Committee** will be condensed and merged with the **Local Government Committee** to form the Transportation and Local Government Committee.

To be authorized, the changes require a House Resolution and a House and Senate Joint Resolution and are expected to be at the beginning of the 2019 session on January 4, 2019.

Other elected and staff present: Rep. Alec Garnett, Denver; Rep. Donald Valdez, La Jara; Sen. Terry Donovan, Dist. 5; plus staff members for both Senator Bennet and Senator Gardner.

Governor-elect Polis' transition team and new department appointees have occupied a lot of discussion among the ag community members. The team's staff member, Zander, was present at the Ag Council meeting to update the process and what is to come. The team includes former Gov.

Ritter and "water czar" and former Ag Commissioner John Stulp plus others and I do not have those names. Their mission is to whittle down the applicant lists to three names for each cabinet head for the Governor's review who will interview them and make decisions, possibly by January 8, the date of his inauguration. He may or may not choose from the submitted candidates.

The importance of appointments for Energy, Natural Resources, and Agriculture are recognized. Zander was asked to carry back concerns from the Ag Council, specifically: the Boulder GMO ban increases the carbon footprint due to added cultivation to control weeds, ag technology, emissions reductions (e.g. nitrogen from feed lots), carbon footprint/CO2 reduction, and if the next tier of administrators below department heads will be retained. Other ag related topics anticipated: pollinators, immigration workers, climate change (maybe "climate variability" — thanks Bill Hammerich), and Gov.-elect Polis has asked all departments to review and evaluate their regulations.

And we say good by to Ag Commissioner Don Brown, Colorado's highly personable and enthusiastic representative for our state's agriculture. I highly valued his work and will miss him.

Lou Swanson, CSU. Search for a new president is underway. Chancellor Tony Frank's commitment to rural Colorado and rural agriculture are close on his mind.

Ag Day at the Capitol. The unconfirmed date is Wednesday, March 20 — stay tuned. The focus will be on education on Colorado agriculture products and a hoped for increase in farm and ranch attendees. We are all asked to promote the day to ag producers to gain their participation.

The Farm Bill cleared review before Christmas and President Trump is expected to sign. Hemp will be removed from the list of controlled substances allowing it to legally move across state lines as an item of commerce. Colorado has the highest amount of acres in hemp production in the U.S., about 17,000 acres, a credit to both the market for hemp products and the Colorado Department of Agriculture's hemp program.

Together with other ag folks and representatives from the energy industry, I attended outgoing Governor Hickenlooper's Ag and Energy Sector meeting at the Governor's mansion — thanks Cindy for the reminder on the meeting. The Gov. reviewed his successes for both industries.

Upcoming important events: National Western Stock Show, January; the Governor's Ag Forum, February 27; and the Water in the West Symposium is March 13-14 at Gaylord Rockies Resort & Convention Center in Aurora. (CAWA member registration discount (includes Grangers) is available — see me).

Health Awareness

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Happy Healthy New Year!

Anyone else experiencing dry skin? When you have flaky, itchy, dry skin, you want fast relief. Easing your dry skin isn't just about what you put on it. It also depends on how you clean your skin, the air around you, and even your clothes. Try these tips to soothe your dry skin.

1. Warm Yes, Hot No.

A steamy shower feels good, but that hot water is not a good idea for your dry skin, says dermatologist Andrea Lynn Cambio, MD. The problem is that hot showers strip your body of its natural oil barrier, and you need that barrier to help trap moisture and keep your skin smooth and moist. So dial down the temperature and don't linger too long. Skin care experts recommend short, warm showers or baths that last no longer than 5 to 10 minutes.

2. Cleanse Gently.

Wash with a soapless cleanser when you shower. Cambio says gentle soaps that are free of fragrance are a great option. Products with deodor-

ant or antibacterial additives can be harsh on skin. You might also consider a cleanser that contains ceramides, says dermatologist Carolyn Jacob, MD. Ceramides are fatty molecules that make up the outer barrier of your skin. They help skin hold in moisture. Some skin care products use synthetic ceramides to replace those we lose with age. Go easy on toners, peels, and other astringents made with alcohol, which is drying. When you exfoliate, don't scrub too much or too hard, Jacob says. It can irritate and thicken skin.

3. Shave Smartly.

Shaving can irritate dry skin. As you shave unwanted hair, you're also scraping off natural oils. The best time to shave is after you shower, according to the American Academy of Dermatology. Hairs are softer and more pliable after bathing, making shaving easier. Always use a shaving cream or gel, and shave in the direction the hair is growing to protect your skin. Make sure the razor is sharp. A dull razor blade can cause

additional irritation. Change your razor blades often. If you are using a blade you've used before, soak it in rubbing alcohol to clean it.

4. Cover Up.

Sun damage is one of the main causes behind dry skin, wrinkles, and roughness. You can help prevent that damage by wearing a broad-spectrum SPF 30 sunscreen year-round and dressing right. In cool weather, Cambio says, be sure to "dress in layers to prevent overheating and perspiring excessively; both can irritate the skin." To prevent dry, chapped lips in winter, use a lip balm with SPF 15 sunscreen, and cover your lips with a scarf or a hat with a mask. In summer, wear light, loose, long-sleeved shirts when out in the sun, and wear a 2-inch wide-brimmed hat to shade your neck, ears, and eyes.

5. Humidify In Winter.

Cold, dry air is a common cause of dry, irritated skin. Heating your house keeps you warm, but it also removes moisture from the air, which can make dry skin even more parched. To replenish that missing moisture quickly and easily, use a humidifier in your bedroom, Cambio says. You can track humidity easily with an inexpensive humidity meter, called a hygrometer. Aim for indoor humidity of about 50%.

From: WebMD Feature Reviewed by Debra Jaliman, MD.

La Plata

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

Marvel

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

January 19 — Chili Cook-off and dessert auction.

February 1 — Business meeting 7:30 p.m.

February 2 — Marvel Methodist Church Annual Ground Hog supper.

February 23 — Annual Luau dinner and program.

Durango Diaries held one of their panel discussions concerning the future of Agriculture at the Marvel Grange on November 29 with approximately 20 in attendance.

December found Marvel Grangers participating in a Waffle night and a white elephant gift exchange with a twist. Individuals were to bring wrap-

Progressive

Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas & Elbert Counties

Castlewood

Contact Gary Tobey, 303-888-0582, garyhtobey@gmail.com, for further information.

San Luis Valley Agriculture. On September 25-26, 2018, former State Senator Lewis Entz guided Castlewood Grangers and others to see and sample a pumpkin patch, carrots, and potatoes as they were harvested, and to visit the new Proximity Malt Plant north of Monte Vista, Homelake Veterans Home, and the Rio Grande Water Conservation District in Alamosa.

Chili Cook-off. Liz Hill was event chair for a most successful crock pot chili cook-off at Castlewood on October 6, with almost a dozen chili entries. Grangers and friends participated and enjoyed the chili and the great hospitality.

New Members. Castlewood celebrates four new members and looks forward to more soon.

Harvest Dinner. Castlewood had its ever popular Harvest Dinner on Sunday, November 11. All Grangers and friends were welcome to enjoy the bounty of the harvest on this Veterans Day.

Games with Shut-ins. On December 8, Castlewood Grangers went to Brookside Inn, a skilled nursing and rehabilitation center in Castle Rock. Eight of us played board games with residents and picked some residents to receive gifts over the Holidays.

Gary Tobey

ped items that would be donated to a local food pantry or needy family. Members were also invited to share talents, jokes, dances, or stories at the celebration on December 21.

December 29 we had a Community Breakfast and December 31 we held a New Year's Eve Party with a Mary Poppins theme in honor of her 54th anniversary.

Marvel Grange donated to the Mandy Project in November, and to the Special Olympics in October.

We were pleased to receive a Distinguished Grange award from National for the third year. If we qualify we're sure that there are other Granges who qualify. We challenge you to take a look at the Distinguished Grange award form and see how much you are doing and send in that form.

Cindy Greer

Marvel JGs

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We generally meet on the third Monday at 3:45 p.m. We work on crafts and ritual and play games. At our meeting in November we learned about the Junior Grange Grip and National programs. We decorated tiles with alcohol ink. In December we had a Christmas party and made holiday decorations and planned a Sr. citizen lunch for January. Billy Greer shared his experience at the national Grange convention in Stowe, Ver-

mont. We look forward to hearing about his experience as Junior Grange Ambassador. We were pleased to receive second on our community service report at National which was about the Sr. Citizen lunches that we did last year.

Cindy Greer & Jenna Greer

Mt. Allison

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

Upcoming events:

- **January 21, 2019 Potluck, dues paying— monthly meeting — 5:30 p.m.**
- **April 20, 2019 — Easter Supper (5 until 7 p.m.) — Grange Hall**
We had our annual free community Christmas breakfast on December 1. We had a great turnout with over 90 in attendance. Lots of food eaten and socializing was had by all.

From the breakfast attendees, we received enough non-perishable items to fill five baskets for those in need in our community. Thanks to a tremendous donation from Farmers Fresh in Ignacio, we also were able to give each of those families a turkey for their food basket.

Please note that in lieu of our normal business meeting in January, we will be having a dues paying potluck starting at 5:30 p.m. on January 21.

May everyone have a blessed Christmas and healthy new year!

Larry Corman

Redlands Mesa

Contact Master Kay Adams at 970-872-2132, or Gini McNair at ginimcnair@gmail.com, for further information.

No meeting for the month of January 2019.

Tai Chi Classes with Judy Coyle — Monday Nights at 5 p.m. (beginners) and 6 p.m. (intermediate).

February 20 — Monthly meeting (3rd Wednesday) at 6:30 p.m.

March 20 — Monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m.

April 17 — Monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m.

The Redlands Mesa Grange is happy to announce that our last two events of 2018 were very well attended! Both our "Bottomless Soup Bowl" dinner and our Annual Holiday Dinner and Dance were at full seating capacity. For our holiday dinner we provided ham, turkey, roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy and those attending brought an abundance of

wonderful side dishes and desserts. We were thrilled with both the turnout and the number of volunteers who helped to decorate, cook, and cleanup. We were also happy to be able to make a large donation of canned goods (collected at the dinner) to our local food bank.

Now is the time for our yearly vacation from Grange meetings, so our next scheduled meeting will be held on February 20. As always, there are many projects that we'd like to accomplish and dinners that need to be organized so we will be hard at work again in 2019. In closing we would like to say thank you to the Colorado State Grange for awarding us — Outstanding Colorado State Achievement Grange for 2018. We were honored to receive this award. More information about our Grange can be found on our website: redlandsmesaGrange.weebly.com and you can also find us on Facebook at Redlands Mesa Grange.

Gini McNair

Mandy Project

Cindy Greer, Coordinator
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When schools resume we usually receive applications for assistance, because the school hearing tests find children with hearing issues and the parents want to get that resolved as soon as possible so that the child's learning process isn't hampered any more than it already has been. We can only assume that the insurance companies are doing their part more and more each year, so that our resources can be given to those truly in need.

If you run across a family with a child who has a hearing loss please be sure to share information about the Mandy Project with them. Their needs are constantly changing as ear molds have to be re-made as the child grows

or hearing aids need updated when the child's hearing loss changes, etc.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following Granges for the donations that have been received since the end of September: Maple Grove Grange, Darden Pomona Grange, Green Valley Grange, Marvel Grange, and Animas Valley Grange. Thank you all for your continued support of the Mandy Project.

**Deadline For The
March-April 2019
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February 15, 2019.**

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Renee presents Quilt of Valor to local Vet at Veterans Day Celebration at Lake George Charter School.

Pikes Peak
El Paso and Teller Counties

Florissant

Contact Renee Caldwell, caldwelrene3@gmail.com, for further information.

January — Date to be determined — Dinner Concert with “Kon Tiki.”

January 8 — Quilt of Valor Guild — 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

January 12 — Pine Needle Basket Class 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

February 9 — Pine Needle Basket Class 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

February 12 — Quilt of Valor Guild — 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

February 16 — Valentine Community Breakfast 8 to 11 a.m.

The Annual free Community Thanksgiving Dinner was a huge success with over 150 people attending. The “Page 34” Band played some classic rock and classic country tunes and everyone had a great meal and loads of fun.

The annual free Christmas party for the community kiddos was also quite the event. We had over 50 young folks come to see Santa and Mrs. Claus. The Grange was full of kids and parents. Santa handed out a Christmas gift bag or a stuffed animal. We had cookies,

cupcakes, pretzels, and other assorted candies for everyone to enjoy. Sue Zaba took pictures of the kiddos with Santa and the kids made crafts to take home. At the annual “Last minute Christmas shopping Craft Fair” we had 22 crafters and Vendors and many shoppers doing their last minute shopping. We had fun selling and trading with other vendors. Lunch was avail-

able and included Taco Soup, Hawaiian Chili, bread bites and cheese and Salsa.

The Grange hosted the Local Cattlemen’s Association meeting on December 2 and provided some breakfast burritos and other goodies for the meeting.

The Grange was host to the Friends of the NRA for their annual Workshop

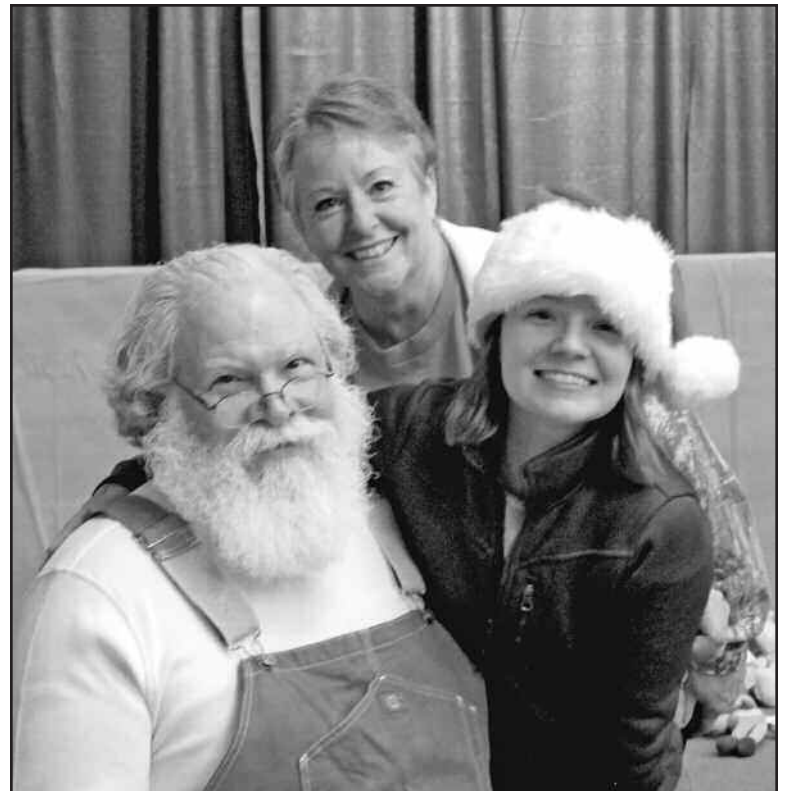
and Grant meeting for two days. The Grange provided homemade breakfast burritos, cinnamon rolls, pulled pork,

cole slaw and cowboy beans for the group.

Renee Caldwell



Over 50 young folks visited with Santa and Mrs. Claus.



Ute Mountain
Dolores and Montezuma Counties

Mount Lookout

Contact Katheryn Fulton, kes tralfarm@gmail.com, for further information.

Mount Lookout Grange is as busy as ever during this transition to the New Year. Regular events have continued, including community supper each second Sunday of the month. A member of our Board prepares an entrée, and community members bring side dishes. This continues to be a great way to stay connected with neighbors, and for new members of the community to meet people.

Other ongoing happenings include acoustic jams, Zumba classes, birthday parties, and a Mancos Conservation District meeting.

MLG is particularly pleased about our partnership with Mancos Food-Share, who is offering once a week food distribution to families in our community that need some help with food security. Our commercial kitchen is being used for a Cooking Matters class, which teaches families how to prepare delicious meals from affordable ingredients.

In late November, the MLG Board hosted a Holiday Dessert Party. We featured warm holiday beverages and yummy desserts, and we showed a short documentary film “Mancos Homegrown,” which featured local characters. Turnout was robust, and



The Grange cordially invites you to our
Holiday Dessert Party
Tuesday Nov. 27th 7-8:30pm

We will be showing the 16 minute
local documentary film
Mancos Homegrown

Homemade desserts and warming
Holiday drinks will be served

Poster from Mount Lookout Grange’s Holiday Dessert Party.

felt like a festive event to bring in the holidays.

The next big event sponsored by the MLG is the annual Martin Luther King Jr. pancake breakfast on January 21, for which we expect a crowd of well over 100 people.

We got a bit of good news this

month. We received a grant from Onward Foundation for \$3,000 to replace our old baseboard heating with more efficient radiant units. This will help in our effort to continue improving our building to enhance this welcoming space.

Carol van der Harten



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

Feb. 2 — Darden Pomona Grange meets at Wheat Ridge Grange with meeting at 4 p.m., Potluck at 5 p.m., with program following.

Darden Pomona Grange members combined with Enterprise Grange for the annual Christmas Party held at Enterprise Grange December 8. Guests for the evening were residents of Shannon's Hope, a home for mothers and their children, and families from The Carin' Clinic, which provides health care for low income families. A scrumptious dinner was provided featuring turkey, ham and pork with all the trimmings, including a variety of vegetables and salads and an assortment of desserts.

The program was a reading of "Twas The Night Before Christmas" by Master/President Mike Lackey, followed by a visit from Santa. Several Christmas carols were sung and children were invited to perform their entertainment. Children then selected a stuffed toy from under the Christmas tree and broke the piñata made by Carol and Ashley Lackey. The evening ended with everyone receiving a handmade stocking filled with candy treats and a clementine.

What a wonderful way to share with those less fortunate in our community. The true spirit of Christmas was felt by everyone present!

Idella Lewis

1700 Christmas Cards

Maple Grove Grange delivered 1,700 Christmas cards to A Million Thanks. Each Christmas card was addressed to Dear Hero, God bless you, and signed. We also inserted a note telling them a little about Grange and who we are and what we do. We thank Jeff for promptly delivering them to the military who put them on a plane that afternoon to our soldiers in other countries. We are grateful that they will know someone cares. Jeff said he takes cards for the military all year long for any occasion and sends them.

Our helping elves were Carol Lackey and Dorothy Dannels from Enterprise Grange and Lynn Myer and Vivian Vos from Wheat Ridge Grange.

We thank everyone who donated cards for this project.

In addition to this, we will also deliver over 500 Christmas cards to the VA Hospital in Denver.

Marlys Halbeisen

Enterprise

Contact Carol Lackey, carol.lackey@att.net, 303-521-4477, for further information.

January 9, 2019, Wednesday — Potluck at 6:30 p.m. Following potluck, Kim Lackey has offered to teach us how to make candles and will bring all the supplies for the candle making night. She asks that we only cover the cost of the supplies. Supplies will be about \$5 or less for each candle you would like to make. She has many jars, wicks, wax, colors and scents to choose from. Join us for a fun evening of candle making. All friends and family members are invited. Please RSVP to Dorothy Dannels at 303-425-0111 or 303-921-7849 so Kim can get an idea of how many supplies she'll need.

January 23, 2019, Wednesday — Meeting only at 6:30 p.m. (Pizza will be provided.) We will be planning our 2019 Grange Year activities and community service projects.

February 13, 2019, Wednesday — Valentine Party and Potluck at 6:30 p.m. Bring a Valentine for your Granger Friends and Family. Following potluck, Ed Talbot will be giving a presentation about whales and dolphins found in the Golfo Dulce, a narrow inlet on the southern Pacific coast of Costa Rica where he studied their habitat as a "citizen scientist" for Earthwatch. He has always given us a wonderful presentation but this time he feels he has outdone himself. Please join us in what we expect to be a fun and fascinating evening.

February 16, 2019, Saturday — 2 to 4 p.m. Friendship High Tea at the Enterprise Grange Hall. Tickets will be \$18 per person. (Please purchase no later than Wednesday, February 13, for our planning purposes.) Tickets will be sold at the door for \$20 per person.

Purchase tickets from any current Enterprise Grange member or for further information call or e-mail: Carol Lackey at 303-521-4477, carollackey@att.net; Dorothy Dannels at 303-921-7849, dorothydannels@gmail.com.

The High Tea is our fundraiser for



Stocking Assembly Crew, left to right: Merry Whyman, Carol Lackey, Ashley Lackey, Pam Campbell, Lisa Mittan, Dorothy Dannels, Jan and John Boucher.

Special Causes. Longtime friend of the Grange, Christy Mangold, has had major facial reconstruction surgeries resulting from an accident. She continues to have these operations and the medical bills are mounting up and are very expensive. We hope to help her with these costs through our High Tea.

March 14, 2019, Wednesday — St. Patrick's Day Irish Potluck at 6:30 p.m. Bring something green or something Irish! Irish music will be provided. Planning for the Community Service Award program and our Community Garden follows potluck.

In lieu of our October 10 meeting, we decided to attend the "Gracias Christmas Cantata" at the Denver Coliseum. It was a free evening but worth so much more. It is a musical experience with three separate acts. Act 1 celebrated the Nativity with an opera twist. The second was their re-imagining of the classic tale "The Gift of the Magi" with familiar Christmas Carols and some original ones. Act 3 was a mix of three choruses singing G.F. Handel's "Messiah." The voices and music were nothing short of amazing! We were all glad that we decided to take the time to attend and start off our holiday season with beautiful music and friendship. Everyone that attended was excited they went. We will be looking for it again next year and hope so many more will join us.

We held our Thanksgiving potluck at 6:30 p.m. on November 14. Carin'



Christmas Gifts for disadvantaged families.

Clinic and Shannon's Hope clients joined us along with any Granger, friends and family who wished to attend. Our Thanksgiving feast was a traditional potluck with turkey and all the trimmings. As with any Grange Dinner, when it was time to leave everyone was full of food and laughter!

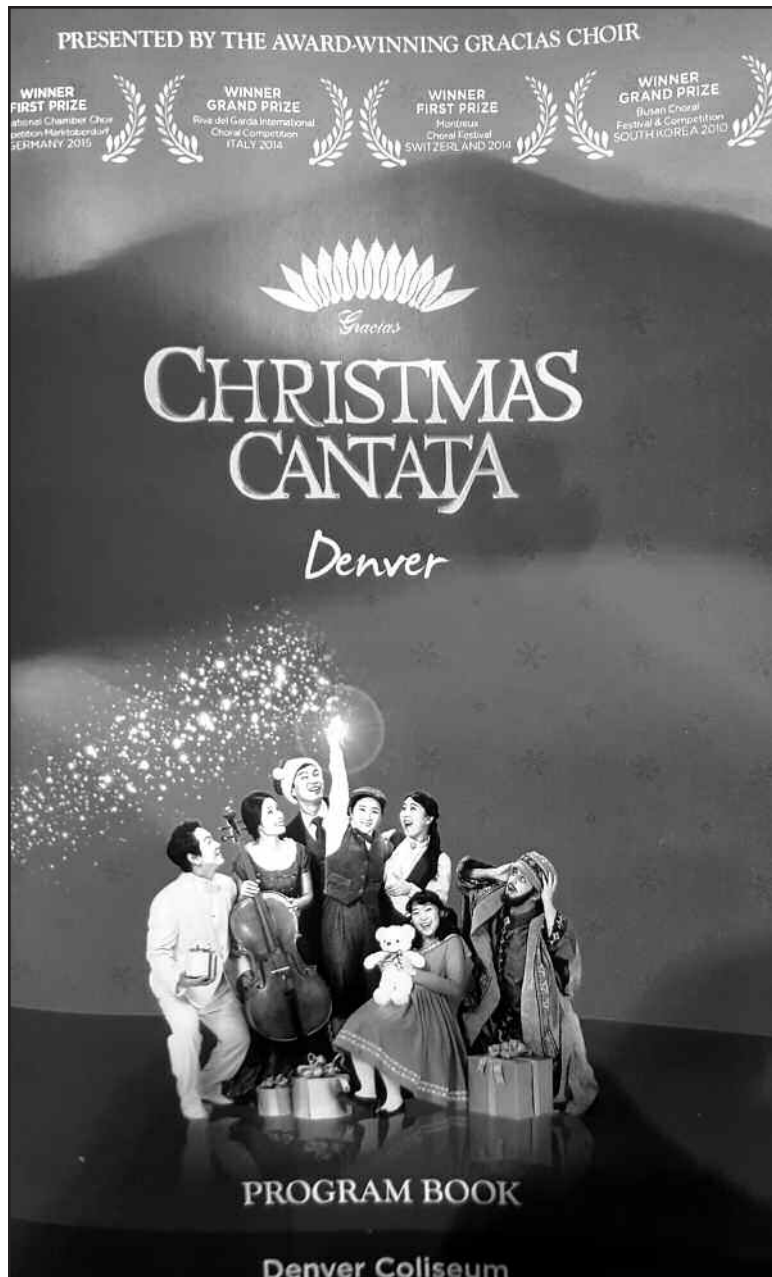
On December 1 we had our get together for our annual Christmas Stocking Stuffing Party. We received a significant amount of donations from the Arvada community this year and from those that rent the Grange throughout the year. We also requested items through an internet application called "Nextdoor" and "Arvada Neighbors" Facebook page. We would be remiss if we didn't mention an elf by the name of Amber Modena, who keeps us abreast of great sales for gloves, hats and scarves throughout the year.



Christmas Dinosaur Pinata

It is truly humbling realizing how generous people are. We filled 225 stockings for the Seniors, almost twice as many as last year, and an additional 25 bags for an abused women's home. We are so thankful to everyone who helped in every way. We could never do this without all the generous people that surround us!

Enterprise Grange hosted the Darden Pomona Old Fashioned Christmas Dinner this year on Saturday, December 8. We started the evening with a potluck of ham, turkey, pork roast, potatoes, side dishes and salads galore. And who could forget the desserts! The Grangers of Darden Pomona with their friends and families and disadvantaged children from the Carin' Clinic and Shannon's Hope (Continued on Page 8)



Christmas Cantata Attendees, left to right: Merry Whyman, Carol Lackey, and Mike Lackey.



Christmas Cantata Attendees, left to right: Leonard Dannels, Dorothy Dannels, Peggy Brett, and Pam Campbell.

Wheat Ridge

Contact Vivian Vos, vlvos@yahoo.com, 720-217-1340, for further information.

January 10 — 2nd Thursday — Business Meeting.

January 12 — Second Saturday Sale at the Grange.

January 24 — 4th Thursday Social: Mission statement of the Grange.

February 14 — 2nd Thursday — Business Meeting.

February 28 — 4th Thursday Social: Chili Cook-off to benefit Feed the Future.

February 9 — Second Saturday Sale at the Grange.

In October, for Trick or Treating, the WR Grange participated in a city wide event in which all cars entered would decorate the car's open trunk and pass out candy from the trunk of the car to the wandering adults and children. The WR Grange took second place for its trunk decorating which was as a gumball machine.

In November for Thanksgiving, seven of the WR Grange volunteered at the Active Adult Center to serve a meal to those who attended and then clean up when the event was over.

December 1 was the Wheat Ridge Christmas tree lighting. The WR Grange hosted a serving of fresh baked cookies, and yummy hot cocoa. Previously Grange volunteers decorated the hall for the holidays. This event also had city Park and Recreation host games, and the library had storytelling, also with a Mrs. Claus and photo booths, happenings throughout the Grange building.

December 13 the Grange hosted the WR Chamber of Commerce Christmas party. Grangers were invited. There was a giving to Family Tree of donations: articles needed and cash and gift cards. There was a silent auction for fundraising for Family Tree. Ten citywide restaurants donated a buffet of foods for all to enjoy.

This past November 10, 2018, was the date for Second Saturday Sale (SSS) at the Grange 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The November event was the third this year. Vendors pay a \$10 fee for an 8-ft. table to display their wares and the full \$10 goes to the Grange building/rental fund. This is an ongoing event every second Saturday and has grown with vendor participation as well as community buyers. This event not only supports the Grange with funds, but exposes the Grange building and its presence in the community and gives a chance to talk with attendees about the Grange and what it does for and in the community.

November 16, 2018, the Grange members volunteered at the Wheat Ridge Active Adult Center in serving the community with a Harvest Festival hosted by the Active Adult Center. Dinner was served by the Grange members of cranberry sauce, bread, turkey cheese balls, drinks, gravy, as well as a full plated meal. Once the meal time has ended Grange volunteers cleared the tables, hauled out trash, removed all tabletop décor and utensils and place mats.

December 1, 2018, was the City of Wheat Ridge tree lighting ceremony. This takes place across from the Grange building. The WR Grange served a pre-lighting cookies and cocoa to the community. Good time to chat about the workings and purpose of the Grange. The local library had storytelling on the second floor along with Mrs. Claus and a photo "booth." On the lower level the city parks and rec members hosted games for all. Cookies and drinks were served by the Grange members. Local craft vendors were available to the public coming into the Grange building.

December 8, 2018, was the next Second Saturday Sale at the Grange; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. No entry fee to buy but there was a vendor fee of \$10 for an 8-ft. table.

December 13, 2018, the Grange had a Christmas party with the Wheat Ridge Chamber of Commerce. 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the Chamber's location.

Vivian Vos

Golden Gate

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

Grange Meeting — January 3, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Pancake Breakfast — January 13, 8-10:30 a.m.

History Night — January 25, 7-8:30 p.m.

Grange Meeting — February 7, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Valentine's Party — February 9, 7-9 p.m.

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

Grange Meeting — March 7, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

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

Chili Cook-Off — March 23, 5-7 p.m.

Grange meetings have been moved back to the afternoon on the first Thursday of each month. The meeting time will now be from 3:30-4:30 p.m. We try to keep our meeting to one hour. All Grange members are invited to attend. If you cannot attend but have an idea for an event or community project, call or email Rich Phillips (richnellephillips@gmail.com 303 277-1933).

Pancake Breakfasts are held on the 2nd Sunday of the month. Pancakes, eggs, fruit or juice and coffee plus great company make this a canyon favorite. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for kids over two.

Join us for a lively and informative look at the history of Golden Gate Canyon. Our resident historian Mary Ramstetter and other longtime residents will tell stories of yesteryear! Their narrative will be accompanied by historical photos and maps on the big screen. Come to listen or add to the discussion with your own reminiscences. History Night will be held on January 25 at 7 p.m.

Our Valentine's Dance on February 9 will feature a variety of dance music from our DJ, Rich Phillips. Bring a sweet or savory treat to share. Cost is \$10 for Grange members and \$15 for non-Grangers.

Our Third Annual Chili Cook-Off will be held on March 25. Get cooking and enter the cook-off. You must register with Dee Dee Ramstetter to be a contestant by email or phone (dkm_hh1@gmail.com or 303-279-

6113). The contest is free to enter. There will be prizes awarded and the winner's name will be posted on the marquee! Or, just come to enjoy the tasty chili and accompaniments. Diners will be charged \$5. New members to the Grange will dine for free!

Many thanks to Vicki Phillips and Teri Hancock for planning and running the annual Family Halloween Party. It was a great success with about 40 children showing off their costumes and enjoying an evening of games, treats and prizes. Thanks to Roger Potuzak for bringing his wonderful assortment of Halloween decorations. They were enjoyed by young and old!

The Wreath Making event was enjoyed by all. Thanks to Terri Costeldia for providing the mountain of green for our beautiful canyon wreaths. This year the entire Hancock family volunteered to provide the Children's Crafts projects. The sock and wooden snowmen were amazing! Thank you, Teri, Randy and Bailey Hancock! December was a month of wonderful music. The Peak to Peak Chorale entertained us with a free musical theater production. Then Grange member, Mitch Jervis, and his tribute band rocked us with music from The Cars. This was also a free event to which the entire community was invited. Thanks to Peak to Peak and Mitch!

Once again Grange member, Christi Little, organized a group from her workplace, CoBank, to help clean the Grange building. Rich Phillips and Terri Costeldia led the crew who cleaned our entire kitchen and dining area. Many thanks, Christi and CO Bank!

Janet and Dave Primmer again organized our gift giving and wrapping event for Jeffco Foster Kids. Thanks to Janet and Dave and all who helped wrap the truckload of presents.

Thanks all who donated gifts and gift cards to make children and teens in foster care have a Merry Christmas!

Yoga classes continue to be a popular offering at the Golden Gate Grange. Classes are held on Mondays at 1:30 p.m. Cost for Grange members is \$10 for a single class or \$80 for a 10-class card. Join us to help improve your balance, strength, and flexibility.

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

Rich Phillips



Kids' Holiday Crafts at the Golden Gate Grange.



Making Wreaths at Golden Gate Grange.



The finished products from Wreath Making at Golden Gate Grange.



Winning costumes at Golden Gate Grange Halloween Party.



Brigitte and Avery Gantenbein at Golden Gate Halloween Party.



Terri Costeldia at the Haunted House at Golden Gate Grange.



A few of the Halloween decorations at the Golden Gate Grange Halloween Party.

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 were all in attendance. The Program after dinner included Christmas Carol sing-a-longs, childrens' performances and reading of the "Night Before Christmas" by Mike Lackey, Master of the Enterprise Grange. Santa Claus arrived when he heard Jingle Bells being sung by the children. They all sat on Santa's lap, getting a small gift and telling him their Christmas wishes. Carol and Ashley Lackey made a Christmas dinosaur piñata for the children filled with small toys and candy. As everyone left for the evening, each received a small Christmas stocking full of candy and fruit. Thank you to all the members of the Darden Pomona for making this such a memorable evening for all!

On Wednesday, December 12, we had a gift wrapping evening. The Grange adopted two families that are in need of food and gifts for Christmas. We get lists of wants and needs

and then try to do the best we can to help the families receive something special for their Christmas.

Everyone pitched in and purchased gifts for the parents and children. We distributed them on December 20 to the families along with food and gift cards for their Christmas meal.

Hope everyone had a Happy Holiday and are looking forward to a wonderful 2019!

Carol Lackey

Maple Grove

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

Maple Grove Grange hosted the State Grange Leadership Meeting held December 1. Presentations were given by the various State Grange Departments and State Grange Master Cindy Greer gave everyone information from National Grange.

The annual Christmas party was held in December with a delicious

potluck dinner and the gift exchange following with everyone gathered around the Christmas tree. There was some "stealing" of gifts but everyone was able to go home with a treasure! Ashley Elizabeth had several trivia games to play during the gift exchange and took photos of everyone holding a variety of Christmas props.

John Cruz and son, John Jr. and children, and Idella Lewis went up to cut the Christmas tree in Golden Gate Canyon after Thanksgiving. It is a beautiful Douglas fir tree. This has been a tradition to cut a Christmas tree for over 65 years for Maple Grove Grange.

The hall was beautifully decorated for Christmas and the winter season with blue and white snowflakes hanging from the lights which were made by members under the direction of Bill and Marilyn Lane. Items were collected for Mountain Vista Care Center and hats, gloves, socks were taken to the needy.

A huge project was undertaken in December of collecting Christmas cards and signing them to be sent to our people serving in the military overseas. Christmas cards were also signed and delivered to veterans in the VA Hospital in Denver. There were 1,700 cards signed and delivered to Colorado Springs to be sent overseas and 500 taken to the VA Hospital in Denver. An insert was placed in each

card, telling a bit about Grange.

Congratulations to Norene Hawthorne (Lewis) who has earned the Gold Sheaf membership for being a member of Maple Grove Grange for 50 years. She was very active in Junior Grange, serving as Master, and received a Grange Scholarship.

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

Idella Lewis

Grange Insurance Association Announces Scholarship Program For School Year 2019-2020

Grange Insurance Association (GIA) Chairman of the Board, D. Thomas McKern, is pleased to announce that GIA will again fund 25 scholarships for the 2019-2020 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):

1. Current GIA policyholder (or children of GIA policyholder)
2. Children of current GIA company employees
3. 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 rec-

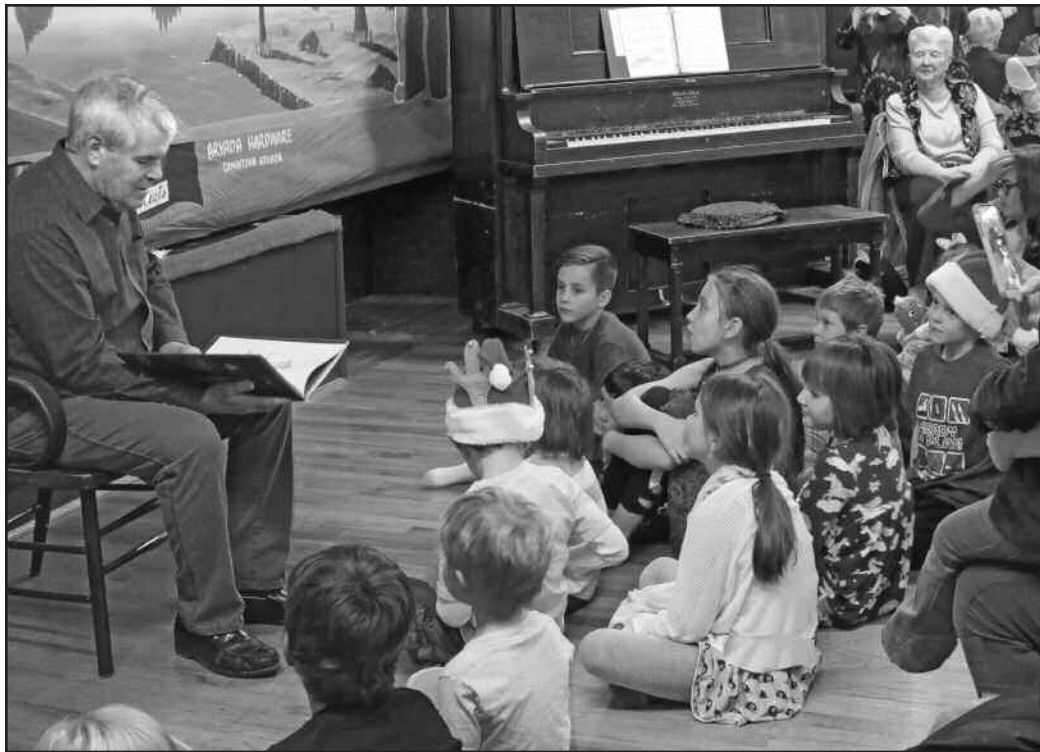
ognized profession or vocation, including: community colleges, business colleges and technical institutes. Vocational scholarships are aimed specifically for those students not pursuing a college diploma, but seeking further education and/or training in a vocation often not covered by more traditional 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, 2019 (Postmarked). Funds awarded are for the 2019-2020 school year.

APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE DOWNLOADED AT OUR WEBSITE: www.grange.com.



Enterprise Master Mike Lackey reading The Night Before Christmas to the children after the Darden Pomona Old Fashioned Christmas Dinner.

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