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Maple Grove Grangers Idella Lewis and Jane Dianich at the Colorado State Capitol in March.

Ag Day At The Colorado State Capitol

National Ag Week is celebrated each March throughout the country. Ranchers and farmers throughout the nation play a vital role in the production of wholesome, safe foods in the stewardship of our environment. Agriculture brings in \$40 billion annually and provides over 173,000 jobs in Colorado.

In conjunction with this week-long event, Colorado hosts Ag Day at the Capitol showcasing Colorado's diverse agricultural products in partnership with state legislators and chefs. The day is hosted by The Colorado Ag Council and the Colorado Chefs Association. Local chefs are teamed up with Colorado agricultural products in a cook-off competition using Colorado grown foods. The foods are available to sample. It provides a fun way for Ag producers to share their concerns with lawmakers who are in positions to assist the Ag industry in Colorado to remain strong.

Attending Ag Day at the Capitol this year were Dave McCord of Victory Grange and Jane Dianich and Idella Lewis from Maple Grove Grange.



The Colorado Ag Council and the Colorado Chefs Association hosted Ag Day at the Capitol in conjunction with National Ag Week.

Colorado Grange Museum Update

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Our work at the museum has been put on hold for now. We had been in the process of giving things back to Granges and dismantling exhibits but have stopped all activities in the clos-

ing of the museum for right now. A man on the Aurora City Council recently heard that the Grange Museum was at the Conservation Park in Aurora that the City of Aurora now owns. He heard that we were closing the museum and thought that would be a mistake. He had been Granger in another state and was aware that a Grange museum was rare and he didn't want to see this one closed. He asked that our board meet with a group who were doing long range planning for the Aurora Conservation Park to see if we could still have a presence at the park. We did meet with the woman in charge of the planning committee so she could understand what we had there and how it might fit into their future plans.

Our discussion with her included information that we did not have the volunteer help to keep the museum open even on the special event days when the park was open to the public. Also we were not handicapped equipped and more handicap public both individually and in groups had begun coming to the park activities and wanting to see the museum. In order for us to have a presence at the park in the future the exhibits would have to be behind secure locked glass display cases and the building would have to be handicapped equipped so that no one would have to be present, necessarily, when people were looking at the displays. This would mean a lot of work yet for us as the exhibits

would have to be well explained by audio or written information and the Grange organization would have to be explained so the public would understand what the museum was all about.

Audrey Maydew, one of our Board Members, attended the meeting with the city when the lady from the Planning Committee presented her information to the city. The city planning project is a five-year project so this will be a slow process. We were encouraged from information from the City Councilman and the Planning Committee Chairman that they would be applying for grants for projects at the park and would include the needs of the museum. Comments at that time were that it would take time to make the plans and apply for the grants. So we are just on hold for now and waiting to hear if we should continue removing our items or start preparing for a new future for the museum.

We appreciate all the support we have had from the Grangers and Granges since we announced last fall that we would need to close the museum. Several have picked up items and have said they were interested in exhibits. We will not be removing things now for awhile until we know more what might be needed later for a permanent exhibit or whether we will be there at all.

We lost a valued Museum Board Member recently when Pat Quick passed away. She has been the Grange Museum Board Secretary since the beginning and had a lot of information concerning the business and activities since the museum opened in the 1980s.

Thank You

To Colorado State Grange and PICK:

Thank you for the financial assistance to help with expenses in attending the National Convention in Vermont. It was so very much appreciated and it made a big difference in helping me to attend.

What an honor it was to represent the great state of Colorado in the Talent (Evening of Excellence) competition.

Again, thanks so very much!
Sincerely,

Ruth Wilson Francisco

Make Plans Now To Attend!

2019 State Session September 26-28

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

2019 Colorado State Grange Raffle

In the near future your Grange will be receiving raffle tickets from the Colorado State Grange to raise funds to help individuals attend various national, state and regional events.

This year we have acquired a butchered lamb and will have another quilt made from blocks donated last year in the heart pattern.

We appreciate your support.

Important Dates

Call individual Granges for more information.

- May 4** Crescent Grange — Victorian/Vintage Swap Meet, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.,
- May 4** Darden Pomona Meeting — Saturday, 4-6:30 p.m., Potluck at 4 p.m., Meeting to follow
- May 5** Florissant Grange — Cinco De Mayo Chili/Salsa, Pies and Entertainment, 3-6 p.m.
- May 7** Marvel Grange — Basin CO-OP Banquet at La Plata County Fairgrounds
- May 8** Enterprise Meeting — Wednesday, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Cinco de Mayo-themed Potluck.
- May 9** Marvel Grange — Queso Cheese Class followed by Line Dancing, 1 p.m.
- May 10** Golden Gate Grange — Group's BBQ Fundraiser for the Grange, 5:30-8 p.m.
- May 11** Wheat Ridge Grange — Second Saturday Sale at the Grange, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- May 11** Golden Gate Grange — Peak to Peak Chorale Musical, 3-4:30 p.m.
- May 11** Florissant Grange — Monthly Pine Needle Basket Class, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
- May 12** Golden Gate Grange — Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast, 8-10:30 a.m. *Moms Eat For Free!*
- May 12** 19th Golden Gate Grange Hydration Drive for GGFPD
- May 17** Marvel Grange — Pressure Canner Testing at 6:15 p.m. by Extension Service, \$5 each; Potluck Supper, 6:30 p.m. and Pressure Canning Safety Presentation
- May 18** Marvel Grange — Hesperus History Tour — Marvel Grange catering lunch.
- May 18** Florissant Grange Quilt of Valor Guild presents at the Library with Veterans Breakfast, 9 a.m.
- May 19** Golden Gate Grange — Road Clean-Up Project, 7-9 a.m.
- May 23** Wheat Ridge Grange — WR Fire Dept. History and Updates about what is happening and going on 6:30 p.m.
- May 26** Crescent Grange — Build Your Own Insect Motel, 4 p.m.
- June** No Meeting Enterprise Grange — Group Outing to Hiwan Homestead Museum with a picnic lunch.
- June 7** Golden Gate Grange — Rummage and Bake Sale, 8-4 p.m.
- June 8** Florissant Grange — Flea Market and Craft Show, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
- June 8** Wheat Ridge Grange — Second Saturday Sale at the Grange, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- June 14** Golden Gate Grange — Line Dancing, 7-9 p.m.
- June 15** Maple Grove Grange — Community Night — Entertainment by Susie Knight's "Hollywood Revue"
- June 27** Wheat Ridge Grange with 4H Family BBQ

Master's Message

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The **Great Plains leadership Conference** will be held June 14-16 in Waco, Texas, this year. Next year 2020 will be Colorado's turn to host the conference. It would be nice to have a good delegation of Colorado Grangers participating in this year's conference so that we can begin planning for next year as it takes time to find a location and line out workshops. These conferences are good for gaining new information, but mostly for connecting with Grangers from other states and sharing ideas. Registration deadline is May 31. Registrations after May 31 will pay extra and have to find their own lodging which will cost more.

If you haven't subscribed to the *Good Day* magazine that the National Grange publishes you missed a feature article on William (Billy) Greer, National Junior Grange Ambassador from Colorado, as well as small feature articles on Florissant Grange and Marvel Grange. You may be wondering why these two Granges were features — They responded to Facebook questions posted by National Grange. The subscription costs \$16.00 per year and is for four issues of the magazine. It's a full color magazine with tons of information from Granges all over the nation. You can subscribe on-line at www.nationalgrange.org.

2019 Communications Fellows program applications are due May 20! Any Grange member interested in participating in a rigorous, hands-on training program in communications, with additional resources for membership, programming and engagement, is invited to apply for the 2019 Communication Fellows program. The program, is made possible thanks to generous funders, but there are a limited number of spots available. Fellows will receive the bulk of their training during a nine-day experience at the 153rd Annual National Grange Convention, held this year Nov. 1-9 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Those selected also are expected to make time for several teleconferences between June and October, as well as a few brief assignments prior to the start of National Convention. This year, Fellows will hear from the National Master, National Grange Staff and Officers, other communications professionals and more. Fellows will produce content for the daily convention newsletter, interviews and content for our social media channels and stories/elements for *Good Day*™ magazine, livestream events — and much more. This is a hands-on training with support from many of the more than 40 previous Fellows who have participated in the program since 2012. Those previous Fellows now hold many significant offices and jobs in their State and National Grange and often credit the program with providing them insight into the differences across State Granges and the opportunities and challenges to the organization, as well as great motivation for being part of our next 150+ years of service. Any Grange member in good standing may apply, but all applicants must have a nomination letter from a State Master/National Delegate; National Officer; National Grange Staff Member or past Communication Fellow. The deadline for all materials to be submitted to the National Grange Communications Department via email (communications@nationalgrange.org) is PRIOR to "start of business" (9 a.m. Eastern) Monday, May 20. Early submissions will receive priority evaluation. Those who have not participated in the past will receive highest priority and special consideration will be given to applicants from states never before represented in the program. Elizabeth Hiner from Colorado participated in this program two years.

Grange Insurance Association celebrated its 125th anniversary in April. Two new board members were elected, one had moved out of the area and one retired.

I am planning on again setting up a display table at the **Colorado State Fair** in August. So if you happen to get to the State Fair be sure to check out the display.

Granger Deadline And Guidelines

June 15, 2019, is the deadline for articles for the July-August 2019 edition of *The Colorado Granger*. You can send them to the State Grange Office, 2009 CR 31, Florissant, CO 80816 or email costategrange@gmail.com.

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

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

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)

Visit www.coloradogranger.org

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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A Positive Point of View

Spring has sprung across Colorado and this year it is certainly welcome. I hope the snow is melting in your area and you are enjoying the sunshine, wherever you live. We had some much needed moisture this year... but it is always good to see the sun and feel the warmer air.

Thanks to all of your prompt responses with the exempt property paperwork, if you have not returned it... better send it straight to: The Division of Property Taxation, 1313 Sherman St., Room 419, Denver, CO 80203 — and send me a copy so I know it was completed. I have almost all of them. Don't forget to do this or you will

Claudia's Corner



by **Claudia the Skunk from the National Grange Herd**

We're continuing to introduce you to your state officers and directors by giving you a little bit of information about them.

Elizabeth Hiner, Publicity Director, is a member of Florida Grange #306. She has been a Grange member since 2013 when her husband's aunt Lillian strong-armed them into joining. She is a retired real estate title closer. They have three children and two grandchildren. Daughter Sara lives in Hawaii, with her husband Mike, they are working on getting their real estate license. Son Luke lives in Aurora, with his wife Tabitha. Luke works for the Best Buy Geek Squad. Her oldest grandchild Mat-

thew lives with them while his sister Bekah lives in Colorado Springs. Her third, Trevor lives in Evanston, Wyoming.

Her favorite Grange experience would have to be just belonging. She appreciates the chances the Grange has given her to grow beyond her comfort zone. She most enjoyed being a National Communications Fellow, it was fun being the old lady of the group, she learned a lot from the younger generations.

She would like to get the Grange name out into the public, so that others benefit and they can grow. In other words, to become more visible.

Her motto is to do no harm and learn everything you possibly can.

Dominick Breton, Membership Director, is the Master of Wheat Ridge Grange #155 and the Front End Manager at Safeway, Independent Marketing Director for Team National. Dominick is involved in the Kiwanis, Wheat Ridge Carnation Festival Board and Wheat Ridge Chamber as a board member.

When Dominick was a Boy Scout their troop used to help at the Grange with the Colorado Food Share program. Dominick has been a Grange member for eight years.

Dominick would like to strengthen the overall perception of the Grange.

David H. McCord, Agriculture Director, is a member of Victory Grange #452. David is retired from

Community Service

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As you're reading this, summer is here! You're seeing new, green plants in your gardens — hopefully planned for growing enough to share. Your kids are either out of school for the summer, or soon will be. It's the perfect time to be looking for things to do out-of-doors. There are projects with Habitat for Humanity, organized neighborhood cleanup projects, and community gardens. Maybe you have a senior neighbor who needs help with yard cleanup or perhaps some carpentry repair work and painting. Maybe they could use some help with getting a pet some veterinary care, or grooming. If you have other, more cerebral skills, there are always non-profit organizations — in addition to your local Grange — that need some help with accounting, office organization, marketing, or website design and maintenance. Although these efforts can be done any time of year, now is a great time to go out and look for them!

If you want to serve on a smaller scale, that senior neighbor may not even realize how much they'd appreciate a visit! See if you can take them out to lunch, to an art or other museum, or maybe a movie. If they can't really go out, find out what kind of special meal you could bring in to have with them. Do they have a DVD player, or at least a television that you can plug yours into? Perhaps they'd enjoy your company for a dinner and movie IN, if they haven't been able to get out to one for a while. The key is YOUR COMPANY. *You may want to check in with any caregivers they have, or family members you can con-

tact, to let them know your plans and ensure a favorite meal they'd like truly is something that's ok in their diet. Build a relationship with them first — get to know them and begin building trust. They probably could use some of that too — a true friend. Having you as a friend may just save them from one of the scammers out there who prey on seniors. You can be someone they can come to for advice and who can help them to not be so susceptible to a scammer pretending to be a friend in the first place!

Remember to keep track of the volunteer hours you spend on all of giving service out in your community. In your subordinate and Pomona Granges, remember to help guide your Junior Granges in their Community Service activities — and in capturing all of the information they'll need to submit entries to the National Grange Community Service Project contest! <https://www.nationaljuniorgrange.org/community-service-2/>

Your Grange's book, to include your submissions for Colorado State Grange Community Service projects, is due August 25. Please also be thinking and working within your Grange, to decide if you all have any nominees to submit for Fire Fighter, Law Enforcement Officer, and/or Teacher of the year. We would like to have a good representation of nominees, as we need to meet a standard of recognizing outstanding people who dedicate themselves in service to others, so that National Grange will support us in recognizing you and your efforts as well!

lose your exempt property status.

It is also wonderful how quickly you all respond to the request for *Granger* articles. Thank you all. It is great knowing what each of the Colorado Granges is doing within their communities. If you haven't written an article in a while, please do so, we all like to read about your Granges.

April was Grange month as well as quarterly report time, quarterly tax time, and Grange time so it is always a busy month. Whew... it will be good to get back to normal. As of the printing of this *Granger*, we are into May and I am sure I am happily back to the day-to-day business of CSG.

On that note: Spring adds new life and new beauty to all that is. Enjoy it.

the City of Aurora as a city planner. He is Past State Grange Master/President, Overseer and Executive Committee member.

He is involved in the following organizations:

American Planning Institute
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
Colorado State Muzzle Loading Association, Wildlife Director
Back Country Hunters and Anglers
Red Cross, Chair of Aurora Branch,
Mile High Board of Directors, 1989-1992

Schussbaumer Ski Club Lodge and alums, 1973-80, where he met his wife Kay, President '76/'77

Historic Montclair Neighborhood Association, President and Board Member, 1995-2004

Board Member Mile-Hi Early Ford V8 Club

Returned Peace Corps Volunteers
Colorado Ag Council 2000-present — representing CSG

Colorado Historic Aviation Society, Aviation Archaeology

Wings Over the Rockies Air and Space Museum, volunteer, 15+ years

Aurora Chamber of Commerce

He and his wife Kay have one daughter and one son and one grandchild. Their family hosted foreign students in the early 1990s via AFS with their guest "sons" coming from Argentina, Australia, and Thailand for the school year and many others for short visits

Dave benefited greatly from the many exceptional people who were members of Victory Grange during his 47 years of membership — many were also State Grange Officers.

Dave would like to increase use of the Victory Grange hall by the local community as an event center and in turn, try to recruit new members

His personal motto? *Keep on trying.*

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Thirty, 30, XXX, 3 x 10 idea starters for your next event when you do not know what to do:

1. Auctions. Managed by an auctioneer. Items or services are auctioned to the highest bidder. Great community fun. Great fundraiser.

2. Award Ceremonies. Think Oscars and Emmys. An excellent way to recognize and reward the hard work of teams and individuals in your community.

3. Trunk Sale. All you need is a car and things to sell. One person's junk is another person's treasure. Attendees can pay a small fee to line up their cars and open their trunks and sell.

4. Conference. Keynotes, panels, breakouts, and roundtable sessions on a topic of importance to your community.

5. Dance, ball or disco. Need I say more? Hmmm...how about a competition?

6. Masquerade. Costumes, masks, fun, food, party, maybe prizes.

7. Gig. A musical engagement in which musicians are hired.

8. Historical reenactment or role-play. Frequently historic, fantasy, military or video-game themed. Participants immerse themselves in the period or theme and re-enact famous battles or incidents.

9. Improv Show. (*Sheryl Ayers, this one is for you.*) A comedy gig where the performers have no set script, and instead develop ideas from the audience into jokes and sketches on the fly.

10. Fireside Chat. Find a comfy chair, a stage, and a keynote speaker and an audience. Ask all the questions you and your audience want to.

12. Kidult. Let your adults be kids. Rent adult size bouncing castles, and game paraphernalia and have fun. Free the child trapped inside us.

13. Meet-up. Meet-up and attend a gallery showing, a play, a book signing or something together.

14. Paint Jam. Advertise a great handle that will grab artists, or find yourself a handful of willing "artists"; find a space and you have a painting jam. Invite people to participate or watch.

15. Panel. Gather 3-4 experts and a moderator and a series of questions on their topic of expertise and

voilà — a panel.

16. Party. A simple gathering of people who come together to have fun.

17. Puzzle or Escape Room. Another use for your hall. Solve puzzles in groups within a certain time limit in a closed space. Perhaps a prize for the winning group.

18. Quiz. Teams compete against each other with a quizmaster posing questions.

19. Relay Races. Prizes and competition with creative events and teams.

20. Roasts. The honoree is honored but with some gentle mocking and ribbing. Perhaps a dinner accompanies the activity.

21. Roundtable. All in attendance are posed the same question or topic, and all debate the answer.

22. Scavenger hunt or Treasure hunt. A fun way to get people to work together.

23. Film Screening. Host the showing of an exclusive documentary film and, perhaps, use it to raise funds for a charitable contribution.

24. Silent Auction. Obtain a wonderful item. Place bids in a closed box with no one knowing how much others have bid. On an announced date, the box is unlocked and the highest bid wins. (Great fund raiser in place of a raffle.) Establish minimum bid.

25. Silent Disco. Each dance participant has a headphone and dances to the tunes only they hear. Looks hilarious.

26. Street Party. Bring your party outdoors and invite others to join you.

27. Talent or Variety Show. Community is invited to demonstrate individual talents. A judge and a worthwhile present or award is awarded.

28. Tastings. Tantalizing flavors on the table. Friends in the room.

29. Walking Tour. Nature, historical spots, etc. are visited on foot. Group is led by an expert who can explain visited venues.

30. Workshops. Help participants learn and create something tangible. Granges have held basket making, egg coloring and candle making workshops this year.

Have fun. If you can imagine it, you can do it. Thanks to *Eventbrite* for the ideas.



Family & Women's Activities

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and a decadent chocolate bar beside it. Too pretty to eat! We did eat it though and it was delicious! Yummmm!

Many recipes were given out that day. Here is one from The Colorado Potato Board that you might like to try. This is a new way to prepare your favorite vegetable that is perfect for any meal.

Colorado Potatoes in a Waffle Iron

2# Colorado potatoes —
Russet, purple, Yukon Gold

1 T. salt
2 T. olive oil

Bring 1 gallon of water to a boil. Add salt. Wash the potatoes and add to boiling water. Cook 20-30 min. until soft. Drain water and remove potatoes. Heat waffle iron to high. Toss potatoes with olive oil to coat the skins. Slowly lower lid of waffle iron and cook until crisp — 2-3 min. Add your choice of toppings — eggs, cheese, bacon, sausage, green onions, lettuce, chili. Enjoy!

Junior Grange And Youth

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Hey There! We are excited to announce that we have moved our annual fun family event to this fall!! We have it narrowed down to a few key locations; as soon as we have it ironed out we will be passing out the info. Our National Junior Ambassador had the opportunity to visit Pennsylvania in March. He started his week-long trip off by flying to Pittsburgh, then finished the week off at the Mid-Atlantic Leadership Conference in Gettysburg. If you ever get the chance to visit this wonderful historic place, definitely take the chance. Just a brief overview on the three day battle: this particular battle was single-handedly the largest causality battle during the Civil War. There were over 110,000 people in the battle, and over 51,000 casualties were reported. Historians report that this was the single battle that changed the entire fate of the Civil War.

On a different note we have been thinking about some new ways to involve new and existing Youth and Juniors not only across our state but from other states nearby. We are going to throw some ideas against the wall and see if anything sticks, theoretically of course. Here are some of our ideas:

- Youth/Family Exchange from other states near by
- Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta Fun event
- Spending the night at the Denver Aquarium
- Beach weekend with surf lessons
- Grand Canyon trip



- Moab Weekend
- Mount Rushmore
- Yellowstone

Each event we plan has so much to offer for everyone that attends. We want to include at least one unforgettable fun event, a key speaker, networking opportunities for all ages, a couple of learning activities to help prepare for the future. We hope that you can not only make it to one of our events but also provide us feedback on what you'd like to see.

We are excited to have Maple Grove Grange hosting a breakfast with all proceeds going to the Junior Grange program! How exciting! Make sure that you make time to attend the breakfast on April 27th @ the Maple Grove Grange hall from 9-11 a.m. If you aren't reading this article until after the 27th we would like to express our gratitude to Maple Grove Grange for all of their help.

Here are some of the new things from the National Youth Director

which they think is permanent. She has mild loss in the right ear. We are currently in the process of getting her hearing aids for both ears. Bella also sees a speech therapist once a week, as she is behind in her speech and language development. As far as expected future treatment, I would guess that she may need ear tubes replaced as she gets older. They don't know at this point if her hearing is expected to get worse or not.

Their goal as a family is to be able to fully communicate with Bella and for Bella to be able to communicate with them. Bella only says one or two words right now. They have taught her a few basic signs though, which helps her communicate. She knows "eat," "more," "milk," "all done," "yes" and "no" in sign language so far. They are hoping to start a family sign language class to learn more sign language. They still want Bella to be able to communicate vocally though, which is where they hope the hearing aids will help. If she can hear properly, that will help her be able to speak properly and be understood. They will continue to work with the speech therapist for as long as needed.



Bella Liss

parents John and Dana Liss live in Littleton and have five children, the oldest being 19 years of age.

When Bella was born, she had a cleft palate. She sees the Cleft Clinic team at Children's Hospital. Her ENT doctor and other doctors on the team have told them that hearing loss is common for children with clefts. Bella failed her hearing tests since the newborn screening. She got her first set of tubes to help drain fluid when she was 4-months-old. She is now on her third set of tubes. She's had a few sedated ABR hearing tests and a few booth hearing tests. Her audiologists have told us that she has mild to moderate loss in the left ear,

Mandy Project

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It has been a while since we have given any financial help to families whose children have a hearing loss. Recently we've received two. Each family was awarded \$1,000 — \$500 from the State Grange Mandy Projects funds and \$500 from PICK. Both children are receiving help at Children's hospital Colorado.

Mandy Project Recipient Zachery Deitchman

Zachery Deitchman is four months old. His parents Joan and Mike live in Boulder. He has one older brother, Sean. Both Sean and Zachary are unilaterally deaf due to microtia atresia, which means he is missing his external right ear and has no ear canal on his right side. Mike (father) is a U.S. citizen, Joan (mother) is a permanent resident. Zachary needs a bone conduction hearing aid because he is unilaterally deaf in his right ear. When he is older he can have surgery to insert a screw or magnet on his skull to anchor the hearing aid (currently he'll wear it on a headband). When he is older he might also have the option of surgery to create an ear canal and get either a prosthetic ear or an ear grown



Zachery Deitchman

from his rib cartilage. Hearing aids will give him a better chance of normal speech and language development. His parents want Zachary to have a hearing aid so that he has a better chance of normal speech and language development.

Mandy Project Recipient Bella Liss

Bella Liss is 19-months-old. Her

Colorado State Grange Website

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

He would like to link the web page of each Grange to the State Grange site. Please contact him to have this done so Grange members and others can easily access your page for information. Larry Corman: larry_corman@hotmail.com or 970-884-4762.

Last but not least, we would like your help coming up with a Junior and a Youth tagline for our state. Most business have tag lines such as, "What's in your Wallet"; "Got Milk"; "Breakfast of Champions"; "Can you hear me now"; "Reach out and touch someone." Help us create a unique tagline for our organization.

In ending, there are lots of new and fun things happening within our departments and we are looking forward to "Growing the leaders of tomorrow."



Agriculture Report

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Periodically I will report on member organizations of the Colorado Ag Council to provide a feel and look at our State's broad agricultural industry. The below information is extracted from each member's web site and offered with little editing or comment from my part. There are 27 producer members of the Council including Colorado State Grange; we have ag producer members. Selected below are three members representing aquaculture, conservation districts, and the wheat growers. Others follow in future Grangers.

Colorado Aquaculture Association. Aquaculture, Fish Farming, Aquaponics, and Fisheries Management Businesses in Colorado (See their website's member list for companies and offerings). The CAA members are both producers and suppliers of products and services to the aquaculture, aquaponics, fish farming, and fisheries management industries. Additional details about the CAA may be found on their site.

Colorado Association of Conservation Districts. The mission of CACD is to serve as the unified voice for the conservation districts of Colorado, facilitating outreach, education and support of landowners in their stewardship of natural resources. The CACD works with private farm and ranch landowners and small ranchette owners and other suburban developments to assist in wise and proper management of natural resources. CACD is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization established in 1945 to represent the 76 conservation districts of Colorado — the original conservationists created by Congress in response to the 1930s Dust Bowl.

Colorado Association of Wheat Growers. CAWG is a voluntary membership association that represents its dues paying members at the state legislature, at the Congress, and provides other special programs and benefits. Our goal is to provide the state's wheat producers with repre-

sentation at the state and federal levels of government while keeping members updated on the issues that may affect Colorado wheat.

"Prairie Gold" is a term frequently given to the state's only major food grain crop. Wheat is produced in all regions of the state grown in more than 40 of the 64 counties. Prior to the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) in 1986, the Colorado all-wheat crop was valued at more than \$380 million and was the largest valued crop commodity in the state. The CRP removed approximately one million acres of wheat base from production and increased usage of crop rotations with the "Freedom to Farm" Act implemented in 1996 where corn and hay crops then outranked wheat in terms of value of production in some years. Nevertheless, Colorado is a major wheat producing state, ranking fifth in the U.S. in 2010, seventh in 2011, sixth in 2012, and dropped to 14th in 2013 due to the drought. The 2012 wheat crop was valued at \$580 million with 2.1 million acres harvested, an average yield of 34.3 bushels per acre.

Hard winter wheat, 95 percent of total wheat production, is used for yeast breads and hard rolls since it is high in protein and strong in gluten. Colorado is also a minor spring wheat producing state. Historically, in 1869 Colorado wheat producers harvested just 11,000 acres of wheat and produced 275,000 bushels of grain. In 1985, total production was 139 million bushels, a record, with 3.5 million acres harvested, 39.6 bushels per acre, also a record.

Over 80 percent of Colorado's wheat production is exported and is one of Colorado's top ranked exports by dollar value. For the 2012-13 marketing year, an estimated 60 million bushels of wheat valued at approximately \$464 million was exported to 60 different countries, creating approximately 15,666 jobs annually and 7,485 of these jobs are attributed to wheat exports.

Real Estate Management

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Far too many Granges spend hours every summer and fall preparing carefully for the upcoming cold months without investing a similar amount of time in the late winter or early spring for the cold season to the warmer season. Failing to prepare for spring can result in unexpected delays as you work to correct any issues that may have developed over the long, cold winter. There's no need to stress, however, as preparing for spring can be a straightforward process.

CHECKLIST FOR CRITICAL SPRING PREPARATIONS

There are plenty of ways to prepare for spring and its impact on your Grange building. Here is a checklist of the most critical preparations for the change to spring weather. Don't just assume that because you performed inspections prior to the onset of winter that you're fine until next fall! Issues could develop from something minor, like a moldy run, into something major. Look for the obvious signs of water damage from snow/ice to the building's exterior and make any nec-

essary repairs before the spring rains arrive. Inspect indoor spaces, particularly basements and areas closest to the roof, for mold or wear and damage after the long winter season. Gather and remove any old foliage from fall or last summer that have accumulated around your building's exterior. Have HVAC maintenance performed to ensure you are ready to switch from heating to air conditioning.

CHECKING FOR ICE DAMAGE OR SNOW DAMAGE

Your roof and its interior component, the ceiling, are critical to safety and longevity. When your roof fails, it can damage the ceiling inside and everything that was being protected by it. Even the sturdiest of roofs can experience compromising damage from ice dams (the build-up of heavy and thick ice) during the winter, which can become problematic when the ice melts and there's a leak. A leak can cost a lot of money and time. Catching and fixing the issue is your best option.

Health Awareness

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Do I eat too much sugar?

Even without knowing your diet, the answer is most likely yes. Manufactured foods now feature "Added Sugars" on the nutrition label. That's your key to avoiding too much sugar. Please read labels and reduce or eliminate added sugars from your diet while not worrying so much about natural sugars in fruits. Added sugars show up in pasta sauces, flavored yogurts,

bread and even salad dressings. While you're cutting sugar, try to eat more beans and lentils. A 2018 study in Clinical/Nutrition found that people that ate the most beans and lentils had the lowest risk of diabetes. Too much sugar is linked to almost every disease and our bodies require only 1 tsp of sugar a day to function properly. Take the challenge; start today.

Happy Spring!

Publicity

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Following is an article by one of the members of Florida Grange #306 regarding the Cub Scout Pack, which uses their building for meetings. This is a great way to promote and publicize your Grange, by publicizing what your Grange does for the community at large. Florida Grange has enjoyed hosting the Cub Scout Pack for the last seven years and hope they remain part of their family.

Florida Grange #306

Submitted by Kenneth Ouellette, Scout Leader, Grange Member
Florida Grange No. 306 is the proud sponsor of Cub Scout Pack 508.

On February 26, 2019, Cub Scout Pack 508 celebrated not only Boy Scouting's 109th birthday but also the Pack's 20th birthday, having been started in the fall of 1998. This also marked the 7th year that the Pack was sponsored by Florida Grange. The Pack was founded by Eureka Grange under the leadership of Jack McEntire, the Grange's Master, and utilized their facilities until about 2011 when Eureka Grange lost its building to Colorado Highway 550 reconstruction wherein Eureka Grange consolidated with Florida Grange, under the leadership of Master Amy Peterson.

Membership

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Hello Grangers! It's a great time of year to think about growing the Grange with spring right around the corner. Let's keep growing! Did you know that we have four different options for getting community members to join us in making a difference in Our Community?

- 1) INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP
- 2) Family Membership
- 3) Junior Granger
- 4) Associate Members — "each Grange sets the dues structure"

GUIDING NEW MEMBERS IN THE GRANGE

A new member is a very important person who has expectations of the Grange. Since the new member may feel somewhat uncomfortable at first, you have been assigned to help him build self-confidence, get off to a good start and begin work as another valuable Grange member. Remember, your name has been referred to the new member, so it's up to you to help him become a part of the Grange!

The following are suggested activities to aid new members:

- 1) Call the new member before the Grange meetings.
- 2) Discuss the place and time of the meetings.
- 3) Offer the new member transportation to the Grange meeting.
- 4) Meet the family members and introduce your family to them.
- 5) Explain the Grange dues.
- 6) Inquire as to hobbies, special interests, etc.
- 7) Discuss Grange ritual and degrees.
- 8) Introduce the new member to the other Grange Members.
- 9) Inform the new member of the yearly program.
- 10) Stay in close contact throughout the year.

I want to thank you in advance for all of your efforts to help promote the Grange! If you have any questions at all or suggestions, please feel free to contact me — 303-919-2680.

P.I.C.K.
People Improving Communities And Kids
Secretary/Treasurer
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We recently received an anonymous donation that came through Network for Good. This group also offers grants to U.S. nonprofits. They consider applications every month, so if your Grange has a project that you want to partner with PICK on to apply for funds please contact us, so that we can work with you.

It may seem a bit early, but PICK is planning on having a **Silent Auction** again at the annual convention of the State Grange. If you would like to help with the silent auction please let us know. We appreciate any and all donations of items for the auction.



Cub Scout Pack 508 celebrated the Pack's 20th birthday and Scouting's 109th birthday at Florida Grange.

CHECKING FOR WINTER DAMAGE HELPS CREATE A SAFER ENVIRONMENT

Having maintenance or someone intimately familiar with the building carefully inspect it for damage and wear prior to the warmer spring weather can be as important as checking for water damage. From noticing the salt damage and staining to entrance area rugs, which may eventually impact their usefulness, to checking the walls, basement, and ceiling for indications of mold growth, there are a lot of minor issues which can be found and quickly corrected following a thorough examination of the building, including the exterior and interior spaces.

OMINOUS THREAT OF OLD FOLIAGE

While accumulated leaves on the roof, in your building's gutters, and around the bases of your landscaping may not seem like anything but a cosmetic issue, in fact, old leaves and plant material can pose a substantial risk to your building. These dead and decaying plants and leaves can promote and hide the growth of mold and other unwanted fungus on your grounds or roof. They can also become quite heavy when saturated with water, causing issues of torn awnings over windows to blockages in the gutters that result in overflows. Don't ignore it; clear it and have it hauled away once the snow melts.

SPRINGTIME MAINTENANCE OF HVAC SYSTEMS

Most people understand the importance of having a building's HVAC system inspected and cared for prior to the beginning of winter. After all, one of the most important functions of an HVAC system is the production and distribution of heat during the cold months. However, after those months of heavy use and wear, your HVAC system may need a little tune up. From failing blower fans to worn bearings, there are a lot of minor issues that can crop up during winter and prevent your HVAC system from operating optimally when it comes time to change it from producing and distributing cold air instead of hot. Have it inspected and tuned up for the change!

With the support of Florida Grange in early 2018, Pack 508 became a "Family Scouting" Pack, with dens for boys and girls in the Durango area.

The Pack gathered on February 26 for celebration at the Florida Grange Building and enjoyed great food, recognition of individual Cub Scout accomplishments, and a short skit about the Pack's organization in 1998. The Pack also recognized the five Scouts that had started their scouting career in Pack 508 over the 20 year time span and went on to earn the Eagle Rank, Boy Scouting's highest Rank. Those scouts recognized were: Philip Ouellette (2007), James Ouellette (2009), Joe Wayne (2015), Tanner Benally (2017), and Brandon Gallejos (2018). Special thanks go out to all those Grange members who have actively supported Scouting's quality youth program.

— In Memoriam —

Patricia Quick

February 16, 1930-March 22, 2019
Patricia Marie Quick was born February 16, 1930, to Florence (Everitt) and Louis Ruggles. She left us on March 22, 2019.

Patricia Ruggles was born in Denver and grew up on the Ruggles farm nine miles east of Parker, Colorado. She started school at Rattlesnake Hill School in 1936. Three years later Rattlesnake Hill School was consolidated with Parker Schools, and Pat graduated from Parker High School in 1948. She attended Colorado State University for a year.

In 1949, she married Calvin J. Quick in Savannah, Georgia, where Cal, who was in the U.S. Army, was stationed before his deployment to Korea. Pat stayed in Georgia until Cal was discharged in 1952. They returned to Colorado, and the young couple purchased land along Smoky Hill Road in Arapahoe County that was homesteaded by Cal's maternal grandparents. There they made their home for the next 49 years. They operated a dairy for 19 years and then converted to a beef cattle operation. They raised alfalfa, wheat, and corn.

Pat and Cal also raised three children on that farm, Amy Miller (Jim) of Akron, CO; Craig Quick (Sharon) of Woodrow, CO; and Audrey Maydew (Jim) of Aurora, CO. The Quick family was involved in 4-H, the West Arapahoe Soil Conservation District, school activities, and the Catholic Church in both Castle Rock and Aurora. The family was also involved in Grange activities, attending Cherry Creek Grange and State Grange. Pat served as the Colorado State Grange Women's Activities Chairman for several years. She also served as the State Grange Lecturer from 1981-1987.

While her children were active in 4-H, Pat worked at the Arapahoe County Junior Fair doing a variety of chores from washing cattle to arranging the apron display.

Pat was an accomplished seamstress and did outstanding needlework. She won many awards for her embroidery, crochet and knitting at State Grange. She served as a needle-



Pat Quick

work judge at several county fairs along the Front Range.

She served 10 years as a Trustee on the Arapahoe County Library District Board. She was proud to have been instrumental in securing an Arapahoe County Library branch on Smoky Hill Road.

Pat also served on the J.S. Parker Cemetery Board (30 years) and for many years as Secretary to the Colorado State Grange Leadership and Scholarship Foundation.

When the E-470 Toll Road was built, Pat and Cal were forced to sell the farm, and they then moved two miles west to the Saddle Rock community. In February of 2008, she lost Cal. In 2015, Pat moved to Windcrest, a retirement community near Chatfield Reservoir. There, she made many friends and lived the remainder of her life fully.

Pat was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and brothers Roy, Phillip, and Glen. She is survived by her sister Margaret, sister-in-law Mima Britton, sister-in-law Georgina Skipper (Hollis), her children, seven grandchildren, and 11 great grandchildren.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Colorado State Grange Leadership and Scholarship Foundation, care of Jim Miller, Treasurer, P.O. Box 521, Akron, CO, 80720, or a charity of your choice.

Margaret Clements

March 1, 1914-January 13, 2019
Margaret "Peggy" Clements of Paonia, died Jan. 13, 2019, at her home just six weeks short of her 105th birthday. Margaret Elizabeth Durbin was born on March 1, 1914, in Taylorville, Ill. She attended grade school in a one-room schoolhouse and went to boarding school in Springfield, Ill., for high school.

On May 28, 1933, she married Kenneth E. Clements. They lived in Illinois, then moved to Phoenix, Ariz., after World War II.

While in Phoenix, Mrs. Clements worked as a secretary, bookkeeper and tax preparer. The Clements were active in square dancing and a local theater group. She was also active in her church, where she started the *Ladies Sodality*, a newsletter that is still published to date. She went to college in her 50s and won a *Wall Street Journal* award for journalism.

The Clements moved to Paonia in 1974 where she stayed active with church activities and started a charismatic prayer group.

Mrs. Clements was a member of the Lambert Grange and served as secretary for years. Her lemon meringue pie won the prize at the Mountain Harvest Festival two years in a row, and in her 70s, she started raising rabbits and learned how to tan hides. She turned pelts into pillows, purses and other gifts for her family.

She is survived by four children; six grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; 17 great-great-grandchildren; and extended family.



Jackie Northway with her great-grandson Gregory in 2015.

Jacqueline Northway

July 26, 1920-June 17, 2018

Jacqueline Northway was born into this world to Edward and Eula Wilken on July 26, 1920, at home in Denver, Colorado. She passed away on June 17, 2018. Jackie attended Denver Public Schools and graduated from South High School in 1938. After high school she attended Colorado State University in Ft. Collins for two years, and then finished her degree at Denver University.

Jackie married Robert Northway in 1952, and they enjoyed each other until his passing in 1987. Jackie worked for Denver Public Schools as a teacher, counselor, and administrator for 37 years. When she retired in

1986, she was assistant principal at Kepner Junior High School. She had many interests and enjoyed a lot of activities; gardening, playing bridge, art, crafts, traveling, cooking, and anything where she could interact with people.

Jackie didn't join Grange until she was 60-years-old, but she became very active in it and held almost every office in Garden Home, Progressive Pomona, and also was an officer at the state level. She was extremely honored to be recognized as Granger of the Year in 2010. Jackie drove her own car until she was 95-years-old, and when she stopped driving it was her own decision. Living in her own home with her Cocker Spaniel, Dolly, was very important to her, and she was able to do that until she died.

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

Florida

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Free Breakfast

Our Free Breakfast is back at the Florida Grange starting on Saturday, April 27, 2019 from 8-10 a.m. The free breakfast will be on the fourth Saturday of each month through September/October. See you there.

Seed Exchange

On Sunday April 13, 2019, the Florida Grange hosted a Seed Exchange starting at 9 a.m. We asked participants to bring 10 packets of your favorite seed, whether fruit or vegetable. The first 20 people received a hand-made pocket for their seeds.

Grange Month — Food Drive

For Grange Month we are sponsoring/sponsored a food drive with all donations going to the Mana Soup Kitchen and/or the Durango Food Bank. Donations of a non-perishable food items or toiletries were accepted between April 8 and April 27.

Bead Workshop

Pauline Ford is going to hold another beading class on May 11. The class will be from 9-11 a.m.

Future Events

1. Quilting Bee once a month, will start in June.
2. Chili Cook-off for October.
3. Kids Craft Day — Card Making to be scheduled between Thanksgiving and Christmas.
4. Cooking Class — Jelly making to be scheduled at the Oxford Grange if enough interest in the fall.

"We make a living by what we get."

We make a life by what we give."
Winston Churchill
Elizabeth Hiner

Mt. Allison

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

Upcoming events:

- May 4 — Visitation Day with Lunch, 11:30 a.m.

We are recovering from hosting the Ignacio 9Health Fair on April 13. It was a great success thanks to all of the volunteer help. It takes a team of over 35+ volunteers for this fair to be the success that it is. From Mt. Allison, we had Sharon Nossaman, Louetta Phelps, Karen Baxter, Vickie Sutton-Gallegos, Norma Conley, Yvonne Chapman, Larry and Trish Corman, and George and Joyce Knoll. 162 participants came to take ownership of their health!

We had a great turnout for the chili cook off and are now preparing for the upcoming Easter Supper.

We hope that everyone is enjoying their spring. The pastures have really turned green this year.

Larry Corman

Marvel

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May 3 — Business meeting, 7:30 p.m. Program Sheryl Ayers.

May 7 — Basin CO-OP Banquet at La Plata County Fairgrounds.

May 9 — Queso Cheese Class followed by Line Dancing 1 p.m.

May 13 — Pioneer 4-H Club meeting.

May 17 — Pressure Canner testing at 6:15 p.m. by Extension Service, \$5 each; Potluck Supper, 6:30 p.m. and Pressure canning

safety presentation.

May 18 — Hesperus History Tour. Marvel Grange catering lunch.

May 20 — Marvel Junior Grange, 3:45 p.m.

May 21 — Animas La Plata Water District meeting.

Our Breakfast in March had 103 in attendance. We also had a community Talent night in March that was enjoyed by those who attended and participated.

The Luau we had in February had over 60 in attendance despite the snow that had fallen a few short days prior to the Luau. The Sleeping Ukes and two groups of Hawaiian dancers entertained all in attendance.

In April we provided refreshments for the La Plata Pomona Meeting and we celebrated Community Heroes and had the National Junior Ambassador, Billy Greer give a presentation following a potluck supper. We also had a presentation by FFA students.

Cindy Greer

Marvel JGs

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May 20 — Junior Grange at 3:45 p.m.

In March we worked on the National Art Project, practiced the ritual, received some Merit Badges and learned about a new Passport Program. A couple of Juniors participated in the Grange's Talent Night.

April 1 we had a Senior Citizen Dinner with 16 senior citizens in attendance and 13 juniors and adults helping serve. We served ham, scalloped potatoes, rolls, green beans and Texas sheet cakes with beverages.

In April we worked on our Grow Project containers.

Cindy Greer & Jenna Greer



Chaplain's Corner

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We were sorry to learn of Pat Quick's death, but what a privilege to know her and to benefit from her skill, industriousness, sense of humor and wisdom.

As we think of wisdom, there are many sources to consider. Doing an online search for "wisdom quotes" gives over 15,000 in just one website! Aristotle said, "Knowing yourself is the beginning of all wisdom." Socrates' input was, "The only true wisdom is in knowing you know nothing." The Bible clearly tells us "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."

Since I believe in God as creator, I believe He is the one who knows me best and most fully, so I may know myself completely only as I know Him. As I believe God is all-knowing (omniscient) and all-wise, it's a bit easier to agree with Socrates and see that, in comparison with God, I "know nothing."

Some of our more current philosophers have wisdom insights:

Bob Marley said, "Don't gain the world and lose your soul, wisdom is better than silver or gold." Jimi Hendrix wisely observed, "Knowledge speaks, but wisdom listens." Here, here! Or perhaps, hear, hear!

Looking at some well-known authors and thinkers, we find...

"In a good bookroom you feel in some mysterious way that you are absorbing the wisdom contained in all the books through your skin, without even opening them." (Mark Twain) The warning in that is there are books

containing anything BUT wisdom, so caution is to be exercised.

"We can know only that we know nothing. And that is the highest degree of human wisdom." (Leo Tolstoy, *War and Peace*) Either Tolstoy had studied Aristotle or he was just also a great thinker.

"The saddest aspect of life right now is that science gathers knowledge faster than society gathers wisdom." (Isaac Asimov) Even one with his great intelligence and learning recognized the value of wisdom over mere knowledge, perhaps valuing spiritual growth over intellectual growth.

As the world spins in space and we live our lives in this spring season, may we each be as wise as Solomon was when he realized only God could give him needed wisdom to fulfill his purpose.

As you remember loved ones or Grange members who have died, please remember to send me survivor information so I can send a card. If you send obituary and memorial service information now (for those who have been State Grange delegates, officers or committee chairs), it won't need to be done next August so we can honor them at the memorial service at the State Convention. In addition, please consider making a donation to Colorado State Grange for the scholarship and leadership fund in their memory. Acknowledgment of your donation is sent to the family if you include their contact information.



Gavin Dougharty pouring coffee at the Senior Citizen lunch.



Billy Greer and Isaac Greer putting tables away after Senior Lunch.

Darden

Jefferson County

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May 4 — Saturday, Darden Pomona meets at Enterprise Grange. Meeting at 4 p.m., Potluck to follow.

Following the potluck dinner we will be signing Christmas cards which have been collected for the "Million Thanks" project, sending Christmas cards to those serving in the military overseas. These will be distributed in December.

Darden Pomona Granges will be recognizing outstanding members of the community at Community Nights held at various Granges this spring. Please attend and show your support to those being recognized!

Idella Lewis

Enterprise

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May 4 — Saturday, 4-6:30 p.m., DARDEN POMONA meeting Potluck at 4 p.m. with meeting to follow.

May 8 — Wednesday, 6:30-8:30 pm, ENTERPRISE meeting Cinco de Mayo themed Potluck.

June — No Meeting We are planning a group outing to Hiwan Homestead Museum with a picnic lunch. Date and Details to follow.

July 10 — Pomona Picnic Discussions will be held at the May Pomona meeting. Time and location will follow.

July — Enterprise is planning a group outing to the Cussler Car Museum in July. Date and details to follow.

Our March meeting had to be cancelled due to the weather when a "bomb cyclone" hit the metro area. But we all gathered to attend a field trip on March 20 to the Museum of Outdoor Arts for their exhibit called Natura Obscura. It was a self-guided exploration through a surrealist forest that combines art, sculpture, and the latest in virtual, augmented, and digital technologies. It is considered a new form of art called immersive. I can assure you that everyone loved it and found it to be fascinating, fun and even intriguing. Afterwards, we decided on lunch at the Copper Pot on Broadway. It was an enjoyable day getting to know each other a little more and sharing an experience we will be talking about for a long time.

On March 23 Ashley Lackey coordinated a pop-up shop at the Grange for vendors that have unique products to sell. It was very well advertised and quite a few shoppers came through. Each vendor donated to the Grange for their space and we received more money for our community service projects. A huge Thank You goes out to Ashley for thinking of projects to support our ability to give more!

May 8, Wednesday, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., ENTERPRISE meeting, Cinco de Mayo-themed Potluck. Bring a Mexican dish. There will be a gardening presentation by Kerry Pope, Master Gardener with the CU Extension Center of Jefferson County. She has been a gardener for over 40 years. Her father was one of the gardeners for the Queen of England at Balmoral Castle in Scotland. She joined the CSU Jefferson County Master Gardener Program in 1987. She has her



Community Service Citizen Award recipient Evelyn Geiser with Enterprise Master Mike Lackey and Lecturer Dorothy Dannels.

certification in home landscape design, created and taught a several elementary and high school horticulture programs. She also achieved her Colorado Certified Nursery Professional (CCNP) certification in 2017. She will be giving us a presentation on getting water-wise in Colorado using the best vegetable plants and florals for our dry climate. How to use less water but get a bumper crop! After the presentation, elections will be held.

Again, in April, we had to cancel our meeting and community service night due to weather. We were able to reschedule for Friday, April 12. We have had a significant amount of volunteer help this year, especially with our High Tea, an event that needs lots of coordination, setting up, tearing down, running and serving. And with our Christmas projects. We decided to present our volunteers with a Grateful Appreciation Award for their generous time volunteering for the Betterment of our Grange. The recipients were Amelia Shields, Camden Dannels, Jeremiah Shields, Jon Dannels, Stazia Torres, Wendi Shields and Wendy Torres. Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts. We couldn't do it without you!

The recipient of our Community Service Citizen Award is Evelyn Geiser. We found out when she arrived that her parents were members of our Grange many years ago. She had her wedding reception in the very room where she received her award! Evelyn spends many hours at Foster Elementary in Arvada, volunteering at the school for over 51 years. She has become lovingly known as "The Queen of Foster Elementary." The Principal, Leigh Heister refers to her as "their magical little elf" because when something is left on her desk, poof it is completed before anyone needs to ask. Many others just call her Miss Evelyn. Her heart is at Foster. She works at the school not for money but because she loves giving back and loves her Foster Community. This

was a very well-deserved acknowledgment of all her efforts and hard work in helping our elementary children, teachers and the staff at Foster Elementary.

Carol Lackey

Maple Grove

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April 27 — Pancake/Burrito Breakfast Fundraiser for Junior Grange. 9-11 a.m. at Maple Grove Grange.

June 15 — Community Night with entertainment provided by Susie Knight's "Hollywood Revue."

Maple Grove Grange met in March. A discussion was led by Idella Lewis on New Orleans and Mardi Gras. It is an amazing city and effects of Hurricane Katrina are still present. Several of our members have been there to experience Mardi Gras. What a huge party!

At the April meeting J. Kelly reported that many items were donated to the food drive held at Maple Grove Grange the end of March. Renters as well as members donated to the food drive. The collection will be given to local food banks.

Attending Ag Day at The Capitol were Jane Dianich and Idella Lewis from Maple Grove Grange. Idella passed out some of the brochures from Ag producers throughout Colorado at the meeting and told of the wonderful foods that were made using Colorado grown products.

On April 27 Maple Grove Grange will be sponsoring the annual Pancake/Burrito Breakfast fundraiser featuring Ernie Sandoval's "famous" breakfast burritos. Funds from the breakfast will be donated to the Junior Department of the Colorado State Grange. Cost is by donation to this worthy cause.

The Colorado Storm was selected to be the recipient of the recognition for Community night. A Leonardo de



Vendors and Shoppers at March pop-up Shop at Enterprise Grange.

Vinci exhibit is on display at the Museum of Nature and Science as well as at School of Mines in Golden. A discussion led by Idella was held on the many inventions and paintings on display of this amazing person, Leonardo.

Idella Lewis

Wheat Ridge

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April 13 — Second Saturday Sale at the Grange, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

April 25 — Annual WR Grange Community Night, 6:30 p.m.

May 11 — Second Saturday Sale at the Grange, 9 a.m. -1 p.m.

May 23 — WR Fire Dept history/updates about what is happening and going on, 6:30 p.m.

June 8 — Second Saturday Sale at the Grange, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

June 27 — Wheat Ridge Grange with 4H family BBQ.

Vivian Vos

Pleasant Park

Contact Yvonne Ludwig, Master,



Pleasant Park Grange held its annual Chili Dinner on April 13. Attendance was great in spite of the snow — and resulted in new members!



Attendees of the outing to the Natura Obscura Exhibit: Mike Lackey, Peggy Brett, Kathy Wardle, Merry Whyman, Tammy Skomasa, Carol Lackey, Dorothy Dannels and Pam Campbell.



Grateful Appreciation Awards were presented to: Amelia Shields, Jeremiah Shields, Stazi Torres, Wendi Shields and Wendy Torres. Not pictured: Camden Dannels, Jon Dannels and Nicole Dannels.

303-838-4805, for information.

May 11 — Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed by Potluck Lunch.

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

July 13 — Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed by Potluck and Ice Cream Social.

April 13 was our annual Chili Dinner. We got four new members and possibly three more. Attendance was great even though it was snowing. We were honored to have Idella Lewis attend. Good old Springtime in the Rockies!

We have some interesting speakers coming. May will be author, Jan Murphy, talking about Myths and Legends. June will be Sharon Minnick talking about the history of the census and July will be historian and author John Steinle. John has written a book about Conifer that includes several members of the Grange and facts about the Pleasant Park Grange. He will be speaking at the regular meeting at 11 a.m. and staying to talk with those who attend the Ice Cream Social from 1-3 p.m.

Prayers are needed for longtime member, Betty Long as her health has been declining recently.

We are gearing up for the bicycle rest stop again. It is our major fundraiser and a pleasure to serve the hearty riders who make it up Deer Creek Road.

Mother Nature took down one of our large trees. A special thanks to the Spoor family for taking care of the mess it made!

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

Yvonne Ludwig

Golden Gate

Contact Master Rich Phillips, 303-277-1933, or Terri Costeldia, 303-277-0351, for further information.

April 28 — Wildlife Program (Mountain Lion and Moose), 3 p.m.

May 2 — Grange Meeting, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

May 10 — Golden Group's BBQ Fundraiser for the Grange, 5:30-8 p.m.

May 11 — Peak to Peak Chorale Musical, 3-4:30 p.m.

May 12 — Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast, 8-10:30 a.m. (Moms Eat For Free!)

May 12-19 — Hydration Drive for GGFPD.

May 19 — Road Clean-Up Project, 7-9 a.m.

June 6 — Grange Meeting, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

June 7-8 — Rummage and Bake

Sale, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

June 14 — Line Dancing, 7-9 p.m.

Grange meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month from 3:30-4:30 p.m. All Grange members are invited to attend. If you cannot attend but have an idea for an event or community project, call or email Terri Costeldia (terricosteldia@hotmail.com) or 303 277-0351).

Golden Group Real Estate (Debbie Johnson and Brian Quarnstrom) will hold a BBQ dinner/fundraiser for the Golden Gate Grange. Join us for great food, live music provided by Mitch Jervis and a great cause. The event is scheduled for May 10 from 5 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person.

The Peak to Peak Chorale presents "Law and Order vs. Sinners and Scalawags: Justice in Mining Country" featuring characters drawn from our local history. Come and enjoy the songs and stories! Performance at the Golden Gate Grange will be on Saturday, May 11 from 3-4:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 (children 12 and under, \$10) and include snacks, desserts and beverages.

Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast will be held on May 12 from 8-10:30 a.m. Pancakes, eggs, fruit or juice and coffee plus great company make this a canyon favorite. Moms eat for free!!! Cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for kids 3-years-old and over.

We will hold a Hydration Drive for the Golden Gate Fire Protection District's fire fighters/first responders from May 12 -19. Bring donations of bottled water or sport hydration drinks like Gatorade to the Grange. Donations can be left on the porch.

Help us clean up Golden Gate Canyon Road on May 19 from 7-9 a.m. We will provide all materials to aid in the project. We are responsible for about three miles of roadway from just below Galbraith Open Space Park to the corner of Golden Gate and Crawford Gulch Roads. Please consider helping us with this commitment. Ideally we will have enough people so each pair of volunteers will have about a half mile to cover.

Line Dancing Classes will be held on June 14 from 7-9 p.m. Beginners are welcome. Cost is \$5 for Grange members and \$8 for non-Grangers.

We enjoyed an interesting and informative look at the history of Golden Gate Canyon. Resident Mary Ramstetter, Jeanne Hostetler, Vicky Tripp Ramsden and Idella Lewis related stories of the history of Golden Gate Canyon and of their own recollections of yesteryear. Thanks to these ladies for sharing their memories with everyone. Dee Dee and Kirk Ramstetter shared photographs of Canyon life in the early 1900s, while Terri Costeldia shared old Canyon maps. Our next History Night will feature stories about how the wars impacted the Canyon and its residents.

Our annual Rummage and Bake Sale will take place on June 7 and 8 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Start cleaning your closets and put aside gently used items to donate to the Rummage Sale. This is one of our biggest fundraisers for the Golden Gate Grange each year. We depend on your generous donations to make the sale a success! Donations can be dropped off from the weekend before the sale until Thursday of that week. Watch your emails for more information in late May. No TVs, tires, sofas, mattresses, computer equipment. Please check with Dee Dee Ramstetter 303-279-6223 or 225-603-2705 or (dkmh1@gmail.com) BEFORE bringing any large pieces of furniture. Come and look over our wide array of items....find a bargain or maybe a treasure!!!

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.

Jayne Ruesch

Pikes Peak

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Florissant

Contact Renee Caldwell, 719-748-5004, florissantGrange@gmail.com, for further information.

May 5 — 3-6 p.m. — Cinco De Mayo Chili/Salsa, Pies and Entertainment.

May 11 — 9 a.m.-12 p.m. — Monthly Pine Needle Basket Class.

May 18 — 9 a.m. — Florissant Grange Quilt of Valor Guild presents at the Library with Veterans Breakfast.

June 8 — 9 a.m.-3 p.m. — Flea Market and Craft Show.

June 15 — 9 a.m.-12 p.m. — Monthly Pine Needle Basket Class.

July 27 — 9 a.m.-3 p.m. — Heritage Day at the Grange.

The Florissant Grange has started a new Gardening Group and their second meeting was April 28. Gardening at high altitude (8000 to 9200) up here is a challenge and it is good to have a group to discuss successes and failures and solution.

Our monthly Pine Needle Basket Classes continue their success. We try to learn something new you can do with Pine Needles at each class. Classes are normally held on the second Saturday of each month, but scheduling sometimes requires that to change, so check our calendar on the website to be certain. We did a special class for four home-schooled community children on Tuesday, March 26. All four kiddos were able to complete a basket and had a great time.

The weather was good and many shoppers turned out for our Spring Craft Fair on March 16. Many items were available from our local craftsmen and women. Items to wear, eat, write with or just "pretties" for the home were on display. Amazing what some of these crafty people come up with.

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Left Hand

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

Business Meetings at 6 p.m. — May 8, June 11.

Music Open Stage — The 7th season of our monthly Sunday Music Open Stage concluded on Sunday, April 14. We had 11 performers and a total of about 26 people in attendance. We had a wide variety of types of music, including folk, country and western, bluegrass, rock and classical guitar. It was another fun event for everyone. These free events are hosted by Bruce and Marcia Johnson and the Left Hand Grange #9. We will start up again in October, so stay tuned. Please contact Bruce for more information at 720-301-6367.

Scouting — Left Hand Grange #9 is the proud sponsor of Troop 161 of the Boy Scouts, as well as Pack 161 of the Cub Scouts. Over the years, the Grange has benefited from a number of building improvement projects by Eagle Scout candidates. A recent project completed by Eagle candidate Evan Law was finished on March 16. It was a wall enhancement in the Grange kitchen (see photo below) and extended out into our main hall. The project will help protect the wall from



Backroads Bluegrass Boys entertained at the Dinner Concert.



It was a full house for the Florissant Dinner Concert.

On March 30 we had one of our Dinner Concerts featuring the Backroad Bluegrass Boys. They entertained a full house of 60 people (54 sold seats and the rest were Grange members and helpers). We had a great time and even had some dancing.

Our Children's Easter Party was held on April 6. The weather was nice so the Easter Egg hunt went well. We had a fantastic crowd of little ones. At least 40 children managed to talk their folks into coming to see the Easter Bunny and 288 eggs were hidden around our hall by the Easter Bunny. Photos were taken, crafts were made by little hands and goodies and stuffed toys were handed out. A good time was had by all in attendance.

As always you're cordially invited to attend our Potluck/Jam Session every Thursday evening starting at 6 p.m. Music starts around 6:30 p.m. Bring a dish and a donation, or just stop in and enjoy the evening. Everyone's welcome.

Renee Caldwell

damage by folding chair carts and table carts. He installed and painted the attractive "bead-board" and protective trim over the existing damaged drywall.

Bruce Johnson

Crescent

Contact Marci Heiser, mheiser46@yahoo.com, 303-818-2708, for further information.

Grange member meetings are the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

May 4 — 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Victorian/Vintage Swap Meet, with booths selling outfits, accessories, hats, shoes, patterns, and trims for men and women for your next ball, tea, or historical event.

May 26 — 4 p.m. Build Your Own Insect Motel for beneficial insects and pollinators with instructor Nico Danks.

In April, Crescent was represented at the Broomfield Volunteer Fair and the Sustainability Expo, where we greeted potential new members and invited them to share in our community garden.

Our annual Open House was on April 28. The Country Touch Band provided dance tunes that got the visitors' heels tapping. Attendees danced, socialized, enjoyed snacks, took home materials from the garden store, and toured Crescent's community garden and beehives.

Crescent's communal garden was awarded a grant from the city of Broomfield, which will make possible several additions and upgrades, including a new three-stage compost system, a produce wash station, and total replacement of the hoop house plastic.

This year, Crescent continues its partnership with the Broomfield Depot Museum by hosting its Local History Comes Alive speaker series. May 2 at 7 p.m. Rocky's West Side Stories, history of the west side of Rocky Mountain National Park. June 6 at 7 p.m. 1859 Gold Rush. July 11 at 7 p.m. Chasing the Cure: Tuberculosis in Early 20th Century Denver.

Marci Heiser



A Quilt of Valor presentation to veteran Joe Kraudelt.

Easter Bunny with kids.



Easter Egg Hunt at Florissant Grange.



Packed House for the Easter Party at Florissant Grange.

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Castlewood

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

Sad Occasion. On April 6, 2019, Castlewood was the location of the memorial service for Pat Quick, longtime Granger and strong supporter of the Colorado Grange Museum.

Coors Brewery. Although he was unable to attend this visit due to his

hospitalization, Ike Kerley arranged an enlightening tour of the Coors Brewery in Golden for members of Castlewood Grange and family members on April 13, 2019 (see photo below). Of course this trip was only for the purpose of tracking the uses of high plains barley, but everyone enjoyed the education and the tasting. We will return in the summer when Ike and others are available for a second quality control sampling. Field trips are all about learning where our food and fiber come from.

Gary Tobey



Three Colorado Students Win GIA Scholarships

Grange Insurance Association is pleased to announce that Brittany Soderquist of Delta, Danielle Lee of Hesperus, and Martin Fernandez of Rocky Ford, were awarded Grange Insurance Association scholarships.

Each year Grange Insurance Association awards scholarships to qualified applicants. The applicant or their parents must be policyholders of Grange Insurance Association. Among the 49 applications received, 27 scholarships were awarded this year.

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

An announcement will be made in the late fall regarding the program for the following year, and we encourage you to watch this paper for information on the application process for next year's program. Grange Insurance Association has made scholarships available since 1965. They may be used at any accredited school or college and are offered throughout GIA's operating territory, which includes the states of California, Colorado, Idaho, Oregon, Wyoming, and Washington. The Home Office of Grange Insurance Association is in Seattle, WA.

GREAT PLAINS 2019 Schedule
JUNE 14-16

FRIDAY JUNE 14
4-7PM Registration Open
7-9PM Icebreakers/Community Service Project
 Light appetizers/snacks will be available
9PM Vespers- TEXAS
9-11PM Learn some Texas Line Dancing & Two-Steps
 Take this time to fellowship with one another, learn some new dances, or play board games.

SATURDAY JUNE 15
7-8AM Breakfast (Provided by Hotel)
8-9AM BREAKOUT SESSION 1
 Option A: Membership Workshop by Joe Stefenoni, NG Membership Director
 Option B: Workshop by The National Grange Youth Team- Topic TBA
 Option C: Junior Grangers-Capes of Honor- by Samantha Wilkins, NG Junior Director
9-10AM BREAKOUT SESSION 2
 Option A: Ritual? Is it still important? By NG Membership Team
 Option B: Workshop by The National Grange Youth Team-Topic TBA
 Option C: Junior Grange Workshop- Topic TBA
10AM -1PM: LEAVE FOR TOUR
2PM-330PM GRANGE BASEBALL
 All are invited to come watch and participate in the Newest Grange Trivia Contest!
 Choose Your Team: BLUE or GOLD and root on your Grange Youth Members as the compete for the chance to attend National Session.
330-5PM QUILT BLOCK
 Learn how to create your own quilt block for the 2019 National Grange Lecturers Contest.
 This option is open to all in attendance.
 BRING YOUR SEWING MACHINE IF YOU CAN *MATERIAL WILL BE PROVIDED*
5-6PM NATIONAL PREP
 Option A: 2021 Convention Planning Meeting (State Masters and Chairmembers)
 Option B: PREPARE FOR NATIONAL 2019
 Youth members are encouraged to sit down with the youth team and work through questions on youth programming and the trivia challenge.
 Option C: A Word From the Directors (ALL ARE WELCOME)
 Join NG Youth, Junior, & Membership Directors as they answer your questions, discuss programming and more.
6:30 Dinner, Contests, and Dance
 Join us for a special dinner and presentation of the Public Speaking and Sign- A- Song contests from our Juniors and Youth Members. Following dinner and contests we will have a dance!
11pm Vespers- National Grange Youth Team

SUNDAY JUNE 16
7-8AM Breakfast (provided by hotel)
8-9AM Worship Service
9-10AM Wrap-up and Good Byes

2019 GREAT PLAINS REGIONAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM
JUNE 14-16, 2019

Please complete registration and submit with payment by May 31

Subordinate/Youth Members: \$75
 Juniors \$40 if paid in full by May 31
 Late Payment/On-Site registration: Subordinate/Youth \$80 Juniors \$50

Name _____

Member type: Subordinate Member YOUTH (age 14-35) Junior Member (Age: _____)

Address _____

Phone (_____) _____

Email address (if applicable) _____

Grange State, Name & Number: _____

Are there any health conditions/dietary restrictions we should be aware of?

TOUR: Please choose one of the following options (Sack Lunch provided on tour)
 Texas Rangers Museum
 Dr. Pepper Museum

Check the contests/events you plan to participate in.

Sign-A-Song:
 Youth Novice Hobbyist Expert Group (All levels)
 Junior Novice Hobbyist Group

Public Speaking:
 Youth Prepared Impromptu Speech Radio Spot /Elevator
 Junior Prepared Short Story Impromptu

Grange Baseball: (Jeopardy)
 Youth Participant: (Age 14-35) YES NO
 Would like to participate if there are not enough players: YES NO (open to everyone)
 Cheering from the crowd: YES NO(everyone)

If you are under 18, please have your parent/guardian complete the following:
 I authorize _____ to participate in all activities. I **DO / DO NOT** (circle one) allow them to be photographed or recorded. Photos and recordings may be used on Grange social media.

Emergency Contact name _____
 Relationship _____ Phone (_____) _____

What time do you expect to arrive Friday, June 14? _____ p.m.
 Will you be staying at the conference hotel? YES NO

TRAVEL INFORMATION:
 If Traveling by Air please contact Samantha Wilkins (210) 838-7892.
 HOTEL: Reservations must be made on your own by 5/24/19
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