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Idella Lewis Selected For Advisory Committee

The Colorado Foundation for Agriculture recently selected Idella Lewis of Maple Grove Grange to serve as a member of the Advisory Committee for the organization which is a nonprofit education corporation. The first advisory committee meeting she attended was held in Loveland at Agfinity Inc., an Agriculture Cooperative. The next meeting will be held at The Colorado Beef Council in Centennial. The vision of the organization is to advance agricultural literacy in the next generation of consumers, citizens, and professionals, and to connect Colorado educators and students to their food, fiber, fuel, and natural resources.



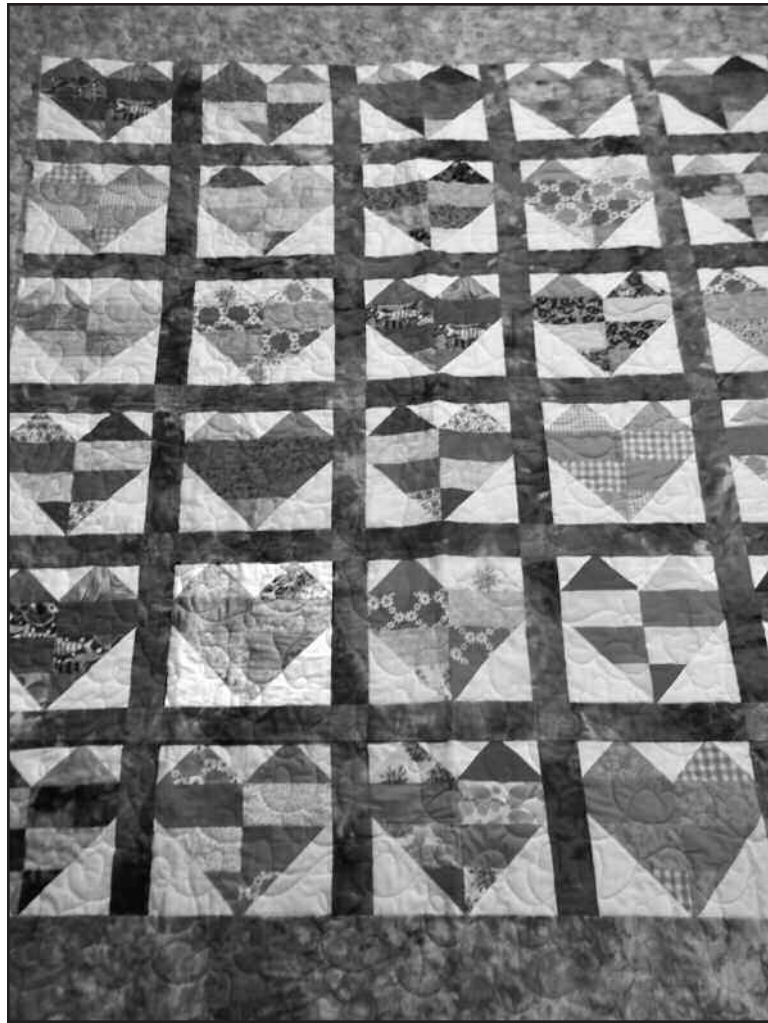
Idella Lewis

The Foundation works with community members to help meet the vision of advancing agricultural literacy in the state of Colorado. Agriculture in the Classroom resources and programs to Colorado educators and students are provided, many of which are free or at minimal cost.

The *Colorado Reader* reaches 1,800 classrooms across Colorado, impacting 60,000 students. It is a 4th-6th grade reading level newspaper and meets state standards of reading and social studies. Each month a different agriculture topic is featured, along with activities. Food, Fiber and More summer AgriCULTURE Institutes provide teachers with a greater understanding of Colorado Agriculture.

Several Agricultural sites are visited to see first-hand what is involved in the agricultural operation. It inspires them to incorporate agriculture topics into their curriculum and they receive recertification credit.

The Colorado Foundation For Agriculture derives its funding from grants, community and individual donations from those interested in promoting agriculture literacy across the state of Colorado. To sponsor a classroom with the *Colorado Reader* for one year the cost is \$60. Go to the website, GrowingYourFuture.com for the donation forms.



Raffle Tickets

The drawing is at 7:30 p.m. on September 28 during the Colorado State Grange Dinner at the Castlewood Grange in Denver. **You do not need to be present to win.** Tickets are \$2 per ticket or \$10 for six.

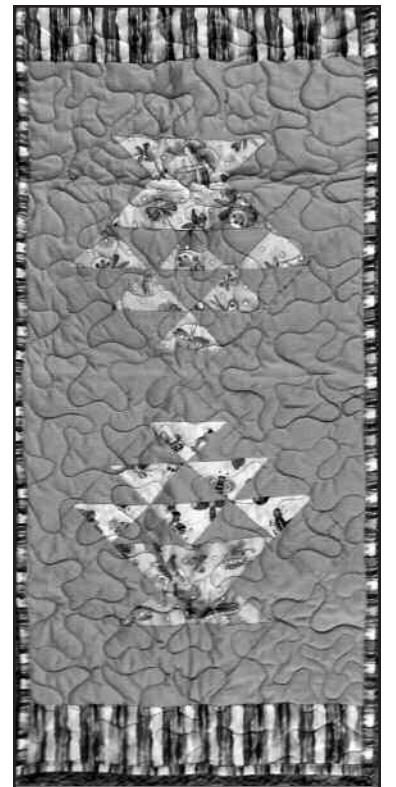
Please get your tickets before September 20.

The prizes for this year's raffle are as follows:

- 1st Prize: Tender Heart Quilt
- 2nd Prize: Processed 4-H Lamb Meat
- 3rd Prize: Quilted Table Runner

Raffle Ticket Reminder

Don't forget to bring your sold raffle tickets and money to State Session as the drawing is scheduled for Saturday evening during the Final Banquet.



Come One – Come All! State Session Is Sept. 26-28, 2019

State Session is almost here and will be held at the Castlewood Grange Hall in Centennial, where the State Grange Office was located. National Representative will be National Secretary Judy Sherrod.

Highlights of the Session will include the Cowboys and Aliens Awards Gala on Friday, the Membership luncheon on Friday, the JG Lunch on Saturday, Annual Memorial Service, Sixth Degree Ritual work, and Youth and Junior Activities and Delegate committee meetings.

Resolutions are needed in the State Office as soon as possible to be prepared for the State Session Committees.

Now is the time to finish up those

contest entries. Please notify the Lecturer if you have a talent entry (Talent Contest will be Saturday after the Banquet) or a JG talent entry.

A tentative agenda is on the back page of this *Granger*. There is also a Meal Reservation form that needs to be returned to the State Office ASAP if it has not yet been turned.

Also check out information on State Website www.coloradogranger.org.

Family & Women's Activities

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It is time to get your entries together for the State Session held at the end of September. Be sure to read the rules and follow them!

- Entries must be made by a Grange member in good standing.
- The entries must have been completed during the Grange year which runs from Sept. 1, 2018-Aug. 31, 2019.
- Label the entries according to the rules in the handbook. The hand-

book is also online, if you do not have the one sent out in *The Granger*. Go to Colorado State Grange and click on handbook.

- Entries are accepted from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Thurs. Sept. 26, at the State Session at Castlewood Grange. We hope to have a lot of entries this year!

Important Dates

Call individual Granges for more information.

- Sept. 14 Florissant Grange — Fall Yard Sale and Craft Show, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Sept. 13 Line Dancing — Golden Gate Grange, 7-9 p.m.
- Sept. 14 Wheat Ridge Grange — 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Second Saturday Sale at the Grange
- Sept. 16 Marvel Grange — County Commissioners On the Road Meeting, 7 p.m.
- Sept. 20 La Plata Pomona Exhibit Day
- Sept. 21 Golden Gate Auxiliary Pig Roast — 5 p.m.
- Sept. 21 Florissant Grange — Pine Needle Basket Class, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Sept. 21 Mt. Allison — Exhibit Day @ Florida Grange Hall
- Sept. 27 Line Dancing — Golden Gate Grange, 7-9 p.m.
- Oct. 5 Crescent Grange — Handicap Ramp Fundraiser — Live Music, Food, Garden Store
- Oct. 12 Florissant Grange — Pine Needle Basket Class, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Oct. 20 Enterprise Grange — 5-7 p.m. — Annual Chili Dinner — ALL YOU CAN EAT!
- Oct. 26 Florissant Grange — Halloween
- Oct. 26 Golden Gate Grange — Family Halloween Party, 6-8 p.m.
- Nov. 9 Golden Gate Grange — Holiday Craft Fair, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Nov. 13 Enterprise Grange — Thanksgiving Potluck, 6:30 p.m.

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(friends and family too)
The 2019 State Grange
Cowboys and Aliens
Awards Gala



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Master's Message

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September 1 to August 31 is generally considered the Grange year. So Happy New Year!! We are beginning a new Grange year. Have you set goals for your Grange for the coming year?

Now is the perfect time to talk about: 1. programs you want to have; 2. community service projects you want to do; and 3. improvements you want to make to your hall, if you have a hall, which most Colorado Granges do have their own hall.

The Grange is and has always been a unique fraternal organization. Why? Because a fraternal organization is defined as a society of men associated in brotherly union, as for mutual aid or benefit. The Grange founders included women in the organization long before they were given the right to vote. Some of the things that bind us together are our community service work, our strong interest in agriculture and rural issues, and our ritual.

What two things are required by the *National Grange Digest* for a Grange to have an official meeting? 1. The American Flag, and 2. The Holy Bible. We're bound by our country and by our belief in a higher being (God) which I realize varies from person to person. This doesn't mean that an atheist can't be a Grange member, but it does mean that they shouldn't try to change the basics of our organization. When bringing in new members please make sure that you have informed them that we are a fraternal organization and that we do respect the American flag and the Holy Bible. If they don't want any part of those things then we have to accept that the Grange is not for them. I learned a long time ago that organizations are not for everyone.

I am delighted to share that we attended a fundraiser for Pikes Peak Grange, which was a dance. We also visited Lewis Grange at one of their business meetings. We look forward to going to one of their fundraisers in the near future. Harry and I will be attending the Nebraska State Grange Convention in mid-September and are looking forward to seeing how they do things.

Harry and I also attended the First National Grange Revival in Ozark, Arkansas. It was a wonderful five days of "camping." There were many opportunities to visit with other Grangers from across the Nation. The states of Washington, New Hampshire, Michigan, Illinois, Texas, Pennsylvania, Washington, D.C., Florida, Nebraska, New Jersey, Maine, Oklahoma, Kansas, and Colorado were represented. Several of those attending shared different crafts in workshops — all of which were optional. Potomac Grange shared a few Ag in the Classroom programs and set up Grange Olympics games for all to participate in which one did at their own leisure. Of course Medals were presented on Saturday Night. The Juniors that were in attendance had opportunities to go swimming and fishing too. Since this was a camping adventure — some brought motorhomes, campers, or tents and others rented cabins or rooms in the lodge. So there was something for everyone. We even had a nightly visit from a bear and a raccoon. The activity will be held again in 2021 — the location is yet to be determined. So keep your eyes and ears open for the next National Grange Camp (or whatever they decide to call it) and make an effort to attend.



La Plata Pomona Grange's Annual Potluck Picnic at Self's picnic area.

Notes From The Secretary

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A Positive Point of View

August is behind us and the leaves are starting to change. Summer is soooooo short up here in the mountains. I am not complaining however because I am fortunate to live here in God's Country.

Here at the office, planning for State Session is still in full swing as you can see by this edition of the *Granger*.

Almost everything you need to know to make your plans is in this edition of the *Granger*, but if you still have some questions, please feel free to call or email the State Grange Office.

As of the writing of this article, I have not received as much of the paperwork for State Session as I would like... Please, please get that to me right away so we can prepare the pac-

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The La Plata Pomona Grange #10 was at the La Plata County Fair the week of August 6-11 with a booth and running the two concession stands. The La Plata Pomona Grange #10 (Pomona), as it has for a good part of the last 56 years, has been a part of the two concession stands at the fair. Manned by volunteers from each of the Subordinate Granges in La Plata County and hired youth, they served daily lunch specials for the fair goers and fair volunteers. They served Chicken Enchiladas on Wednesday, a Pulled Pork Sandwich on Thursday, a Hot Roast Beef Sandwich on Friday and for breakfast Breakfast Burritos, Biscuits and Gravy or Scrambled Eggs and Chicken Fried Steak for lunch on Saturday.

The Granges involved are the Animas Valley #194, established April 1, 1911, which is one of the oldest active Granges in the State, (the oldest active Grange being Clear Creek Valley Grange #4, established December 9, 1873). Oxford Grange #482 established December 1957 and Marvel Grange #479 established April 1, 1956, are the relative newcomers with Oxford Grange #482 being the youngest active Grange in the State, established June 28, 1957. Florida Grange #306 established November 22, 1916, and Mount Allison #308 established December 8, 1916, round out the six Granges in the Pomona.

The Colorado State Grange established 10 more Granges after Oxford Grange #482; the last being chartered

in the State in June 24, 1962, bringing the total for the state to 492 Granges. The Colorado State Grange is down in Granges across the State to 40 Granges with three of those being inactive, but maintaining membership. At one time the State Grange also had 12 Pomona Granges across the state; there are only five left active.

In the early years of the Grange, there was a massive push to get Granges open. 1873 saw 19 Granges opened, 1874 saw an increase of 50 more Granges, 1875 — the end of 1899 saw 72 more Granges opened in the State. Between 1900 and 1917 there was another big push to open Granges across the state increasing the total of Granges to 349. The last 54 Granges



La Plata Pomona Grange's booth at the La Plata County Fair.

Mandy Project

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Ava McCarthy

The McCarthy family of Broomfield has been awarded \$1,000 for two of their daughters who have hearing loss — \$500 from the Colorado State Grange and \$500 from PICK. Ava is seven and Gia is five; they attend Mountain View Elementary School.

Ava was identified at birth with a bilateral moderate severe sensorineu-



Gia McCarthy

ral hearing loss and Gia was also identified at birth with a bilateral profound hearing loss. Both have bilateral hearing aids, sign language and speech services. All four family members are deaf and wear bilateral hearing aids. The family's insurance covers 80 percent of the cost after their deductible.

kets for State Session and prepare for meals and the Gala and the Banquet. Thanks everyone

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

Thanks to all the Granges who sent in their 2nd Quarter Dues. Those who have not as yet... please get those sent in right away so you are eligible to vote at State Session.

Please join us at State Session, we are in Centennial this year at the Castlewood Grange Hall. I hope to see a lot of you there.

Be a person whose actions create prosperity.

were established from 1936-1962.

The La Plata Pomona Grange also had a booth at the fair, third year in a row. The booth featured information from the four active Granges in the area, Animas Valley #194, Florida Grange #306, Mount Allison #308 and Marvel #479. They sold raffle tickets for the raffle being held at the State Convention on September 28. The Pomona also received a donation of handouts for the booth in the form of cardboard banks from the Colorado State Grange. These were available at the Colorado State Fair August 23-September 2 at the Colorado State Grange Booth.

August 17 The La Plata Pomona Grange #10 held their annual Pomona potluck picnic where the Pomona Grange donated the leftover hamburgers and hot dogs from the fair. They held the picnic at the Self's picnic area. The Self's were founding members of the Florida Grange #306. It was a nice afternoon down by the Florida River.

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Lecturer's Creative And Performing Arts

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Your Final Lecturer Activities Checklist for the Colorado State Grange Convention, September 26-28, 2019, at Castlewood Grange in Centennial, Colorado:

- Someone has completed and mailed the Lecturer Report Form to the State Lecturer from your Grange.
- Everyone has finished all Art, Hobby, Creative Writing and Photography projects.
- Everyone gave all of the above to your State Grange Convention Delegate.
- Delegate will check all these creative projects in to the State Lecturer at the convention before noon on Thursday, September 26, 2019.
- Everyone has put together a cowboy or alien get-up (costume for you non-oldsters) for the Gala.
- You have arranged transportation for you and other Grangers and friends to the Annual State Grange Gala on Friday, September 27, arriving at 6:30 p.m. at Castlewood Grange.
- You have read the bio on Susie Knight, the gala Star, and are ready for a special evening.
- You have made arrangements to take home all the awards your Grange will receive at the Gala.
- You have signed up someone in your Grange to perform at the Talent Show after the final banquet on Saturday, Sept. 28.
- Delegate plans on picking up all those creative projects from Castlewood Grange sometime Saturday,

September 28.

- You are getting your appetite ready for the final banquet which you plan to enjoy with other members of your subordinate Grange, Pomona Grange and state Grange.
- You are ready.

My Final Thoughts as Colorado State Grange Lecturer:

- It has been a wonderful honor to serve as the Colorado State Grange Lecturer.
- **Thank you from the bottom of my heart.**
- It is astounding, wonderful and awe inspiring to know all of the activities, charitable contributions, and helping efforts that all you Grangers perform across the state each day, month and year.
- It is truly a privilege to be a Granger.
- I hope we all find energy and successors to carry on the work of the Grange.
- **Safe havens, safe friendship and fellowship, plus safe activities are needed desperately in our country. The Grange provides these.**
- I hope we begin to invite many friends and families into our circle of fellowship with open arms and know we are providing them with a life changing opportunity.
- Finally, I want to thank all of you lecturers for working so hard to provide these gifts of friendship and opportunity to your fellow man.
- **God Bless You All.**

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.

Sheryl Ayers — Chaplain. Sheryl is a member of Marvel Grange #479 and is currently serving as Secretary and Legislative chairman. Sheryl served as a county commissioner in La Plata County and has also taught school at all levels (K-college). She

has also worked as an administrative assistant, done bookkeeping and was even a Librarian for a short time.

Sheryl is a member of the Hesperus Church, Bible Study Fellowship, La Plata County Fair Board, La Plata Electric Round Up Foundation and Community Emergency Assistance Coalition and Wild West Squares.

She and her husband Roger have two daughters, Carrie and Shelly, both are living on the East Coast. They have two grandsons and two granddaughters.

Sheryl has many fond memories of her Grange experiences, but one that she still gets a chuckle from occurred at State Grange in Montrose. She needed to go to their car to retrieve something, and it was dark in the parking lot. Jack Paisley and Ray Heap, Executive Committee members, decided she needed protection, so they accompanied her. She felt very tiny and completely protected by those two very tall, strong men!

Her personal motto is *Integrity and Excellence*. Sheryl has been a Grange member for more than 54 years as she was a Junior Granger who graduated into the Marvel Grange in

March of 1965.

She wants to finish her term as State Chaplain with integrity, excellence and joy.

Roger Ayers, Assistant Steward. Roger is a member of Marvel Grange #479 and is currently serving as Master. He retired as a field service engineer for General Electric. He's involved in the Hesperus Church, Durango Bridge Club and Wild West Squares.

He and Sheryl have two daughters, Carrie and Shelly, both are living on the East Coast. They have two grandsons and two granddaughters.

When Roger was a youth in the Breen Grange, he and a friend were standing in the food line at a potluck. Marcia Woods' dad was ahead of his friend. The friend held out his hand, as if for the plate, and the older gentleman calmly plopped a spoonful of jelly into his hand. Being a smart aleck didn't pay off as he had to go clean off his hand!

Roger has been a Grange member since juvenile Grange at Breen. He joined Green Valley Grange in 1971 and has been a member ever since.

Roger likes to fish and hunt.

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September 26-28 — Silent Auction at State Session, ends at Noon on the 28th.

September 27 — Annual PICK meeting following Gala at Castlewood Grange.

August 31 is the end of the calendar year for many Granges, which means that it's time to find your 990N Postcard with the IRS if you earned less than \$50,000 during the year. For some of the Granges that I filed for last year, the report was rejected but we had filed the year before and you only endanger your tax status when you fail to file for three consecutive years. I'll be working on filing for those Granges early in September. Those of you who do your own filing, please set aside a time to do the filing.

PICK's Annual Meeting will be held following the Gala on September 27 at the Castlewood Grange. We will review the secretary's report, approve the proposed budget, discuss any items brought forth by others. PICK will be eligible to apply to Coors Family Foundation again this year. Coors was very specific that they would only consider applications from Granges who are rural and not on the Front Range. So those of you who fit those specifications should be working on what your needs are and how much it will cost to complete those needs.



Chaplain's Corner

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We have a small dog, Ginger, who is a chug (Chihuahua/pug mix). She brings us great joy and love. As I have watched her and interacted with her this summer, I have realized she can teach me about my relationship with God and with other people.

She is always happy to see me when I return home from being gone or even when I come back inside after being in the yard. She wants to have me around and to be around me. I could feel that way about God, eager to have Him with me and happy when I realize I am once again in the same room with Him.

She comes when we call her, always eager for the next adventure or just to be with us again. Even if she wanders quite a distance away, she comes eagerly running and wagging her tail. How do I respond when God calls me to come into His presence? Do I respond immediately and eagerly? How about when a friend or family member needs me to be there for them? Am I figuratively running to them with eagerness to be in their presence, or am I hanging back, more intent on remaining in my own world doing my own thing?

Ginger watches patiently for Roger when he is away from home. She can recognize the sound of his car and is extremely excited and eager to greet him as he arrives. Do I eagerly wait and watch for God's activity in my life. Am I eager to have His presence

with me, influencing all I do?

Ginger is gripped with remorse if I express disapproval over something she has done. (That seldom happens, but every so often there's a trash can tipped over so she can get to a napkin or a scrap of food.) How do I react when my conscience tells me I have done something of which God disapproves? Do I find it easy to excuse away (just a small thing, I'm tired, no one was really hurt) or am I remorseful and desirous of pleasing Him in every way?

Our sweet dog gains so much satisfaction and joy just sitting in Roger's lap, absorbing any love he has to give her. I want to feel that same way when I sit in God's presence and when I am reading in His Word, meditating upon it, learning from Him, and praying to Him.

How much a dog's attitude about life and joy in each day can teach us about relating in God's world!

As we draw closer to State Grange Convention, please remember to send me memorial service information (for those who have been State Grange delegates, officers or committee chairs). In addition, please consider making a donation to Colorado State Grange for the scholarship and leadership fund in memory of deceased members or loved ones. Acknowledgment of your donation is sent to the family if you include their contact information.



Agriculture Report

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Below is a special guest presentation to this column by Dr. James L. Craig MA, JD, Ed.D, with the Veteran Outreach and Colorado AgrAbility Project. He is a regular participant on the Colorado Ag Council and introduced AgrAbility at a Council meeting last year.

The Colorado AgrAbility Project A Little Known Resource For Farmers Challenged With Limitations

So you ask, "What is the Colorado AgrAbility Project (CAP)"? Well it's a partnership between CSU Extension and Discover Goodwill of Southern and Western Colorado and Goodwill Industries of Denver. The AA project is partially grant funded by USDA to permit CAP to provide direct services to farmers and ranchers, education, marketing, and networking. Farming is dangerous and accidents can hinder a farmer's ability to operate their business or otherwise survive in production agriculture. Surveys reflect that CAP services can help those impacted by injury or illness remain successful on their farms.

The services offered by CAP are free to the farmer/rancher and their families. The assistance provided includes finding ways to modify everyday work tasks and equipment that will help producers continue their career in agriculture safely and successfully. Some of these services include:

- Farm or ranch visits
- Work Task assessments
- Recommendations for equipment and home modifications
- Referral to resources
- Educational workshops
- The CAP does not distribute any funding to the individuals receiving services. However the staff does connect clients to partnering organizations and programs that can help ease the financial burden of equipment purchase or modification. They will assist by making referrals to funding resources appropriate for each individual's specific needs. One need not be living on a farm or ranch so long as they are engaged in production agriculture and have a disability or serious health condition. CAP can also assist with the needs of farm families or employees who are disabled.
- The range of conditions CAP can work with are vast and diverse. Examples of impairments and limitations they work with include but are not limited to:
 - Mobility issues
 - Amputations
 - Chronic pain
 - Arthritis
 - Developmental or behavioral issues
 - Spinal cord injuries and other paralysis
 - Brain injury
 - Visual impairment
 - Hearing impairment

Junior Grange And Youth

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Hey there,

Our summer has been crazy busy, how about yours? I can't believe that school is starting already! It seems like just yesterday that the kids were getting out for the summer. Colorado JG'ers made a big presence across the nation this year so far! We had JG'ers attend Mid Atlantics (Gettysburg, PA), Great Plains (Waco, TX), PA State JG camp (Henderson PA), and our rafting trip. While we are on the topic of our rafting trip, it was held the last Saturday in August in Durango, CO.

Are you excited for State Grange? We sure are. There is so much to talk about, this year we will be planning Great Plains for next year, held here in Colorado. We are currently looking at having the leadership conference in Denver. If you are interested in being involved with the planning and execution, please don't forget to find me at State Session. We are looking for "outside the box" ideas too.



Last but not least we would like to set up a JG and Youth committee throughout the state. The committee is a great way to get more involved with the programs. We would like to build a team that brings great ideas and helps to execute those ideas to the table. We are thinking that we would have four meetings a year, one at State Session and three conference calls. If you are interested please let us know.

Hope to see everyone at the State Session!

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.

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Community Service

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It's back-to-school time. There are a lot of school-supply/backpack opportunities that have been going on for a while. Here in Jeffco, Joyful Journeys was so excited to get a BUNCH of backpacks that Granger Pam Campbell found several months ago that she got for 50 cents each. She didn't know at the time what could be done with them, but she knew that a need would make itself known. This story provides my example and idea for this edition of *The Granger*. Keep your eyes open — even when you're shopping — and trust. I'm not sure how many backpacks Pam found, but if you see this kind of a deal on something that is a need, and having to buy one at regular price would be a hardship — or even simply impossible, a means to get it into the hands of someone who needs it will present itself.

Thinking about backpacks for kids got me thinking about helping kids to have some breakfast or lunch so they can learn better while they're in

school. Not only is it hard to concentrate when hungry, the brain needs nutrition in order to absorb, understand, and retain knowledge. Most K-12 school districts in Colorado have schools with school lunch debt. I didn't even know this was a thing until a couple of years ago. There is probably a school in your community (or one in a nearby district, if not one near to you) with kids who have lunch debt from last year. If not, they'll start having it this year. This is an opportunity for your Grange to support kids when you have, or participate in fundraising events. Backpack events are also conducted to fill them up for kids to take them home for the weekend. Without these food backpacks, some of these kids would be hungry over the weekends.

As another reminder, keep track of the volunteer hours you spend on service out in your community. In your subordinate and Pomona Granges, remember to help guide your Junior Granges in their Community Serv-

ice 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/>.

Please also be thinking and working within your Grange, to decide if you all have any nominees to submit for Firefighter, Law Enforcement Officer, and/or Teacher of the Year. These nominations will need to be provided as soon as possible, so I can submit them to National by October 1. 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!

Membership

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State Director**
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I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our Membership lunch! I want send out a special thank you to the entire Granges that have sent in their Membership Report to me. Remember that you still have time to submit your report. We are recognizing Granges that have been out in the communities this past year helping to increase our membership in our organization.

Colorado State Grange membership program will offer recognition and rewards to Granges for new members joining September 1, 2018- August 31, 2019. The Subordinate/Community Grange with the most net members will be recognized, as well as the top recruiters. A form will be sent to report your membership to us. Please fill it out completely and return it to me by mail, email or give it to us on the first day of State Session. If you mail it be sure to send as early as you can in Septem-

ber so that it will arrive at my home before the week of State Session.

To summarize, you may be recognized in three ways: Granges that get a least seven new members; The Subordinate/Community Grange with the most net members; The top recruiters in the state will be honored.

It's a good time of the year to ask yourself this important question: What are you planning on doing in the next couple of months to help promote your Grange? Now that school is starting and fall is around the corner, many families will be looking for friendly, local activities to participate in their communities. Remember, ask someone to join your Grange. YOU can make a difference. New members make your Grange stronger. Join us at the State Session's Membership Lunch and you will leave with the resources and tools to help promote your Grange and make positive changes!

Real Estate Management

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Increasing The Value Of Your Grange Building

If you are thinking of increasing the value of your Grange building, it is important to know that there are things that you can do to enhance and increase the value of your investment. As such, buyers will search for a property's potential in addition to its historical data. Because the value of commercial real estate is primarily driven by the cash flow that the prop-

erty generates, any strategy you employ has the potential to increase your cash flow, decrease your expenses, and increase your overall equity and the value of your property. Below are five strategies you should consider when determining how you can make the most out of your real estate investment.

1. Make Improvements to the Property

Improvements can take the form of cosmetic improvements or substantial rehabilitation. Cosmetic improvements include such things as new paint, new décor to the common elements, new landscaping, new carpeting/flooring, etc. Substantial rehabilitation includes making structural improvements to the property — for example a substantial rehab may involve changing the structural façade of the building or making major renovations to the lobby. In any case, you increase the value of the property for not only your tenants, but for your own portfolio as well.

2. Increase Rent

The value of your Grange building can be increased by increasing the rent. In reviewing the historical data on a property, take notice of whether the tenants are paying market rent or whether there is potential for a reasonable markup in rents. Determine how the improvements you make to the property can justify your rent increase. Pay close attention to both the upper and lower level of rents that are being charged for similarly situated types of real estate so you don't price yourself out of the market.

3. Decrease Expenses

Evaluate the historical operating statements of the property to determine if there are areas where you can decrease the expense for example, perhaps improving the property with more energy efficient light bulbs in the common areas will reduce your electrical bills. Or perhaps you find that the gas company can individually meter the units so that instead of paying for the gas, fairly pass that expense on to the tenants. In the majority of instances, a Grange can cut expenses without significantly impacting the operations of the Grange itself.

4. Alter or Change the Grange's Intended Use

Oftentimes, changing the use of a Grange building can drastically change the value of the property. Be aware of other uses of a building in your area that is not the same as a Grange hall, such as apartments or condos or an office building or any other use that makes sense for the area.

5. Add Amenities

Finally, you can also consider adding amenities to the property to make it more appealing and valuable. Value enhancing amenities include something simple like creating a playground or adding free wireless internet for your tenants. In summation, look beyond historical data and see what strategies YOU can employ to make your Grange more valuable. Know your property's potential before you begin.

Granger Deadline And Guidelines

October 15, 2019, is the deadline for articles for the November-December 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 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)

2019 National Grange Public Relations Contest

STATEMENT OF INTENT

The ability of our Granges, at every level, to successfully promote specific events or the Grange as a whole is necessary and important. The goal of the National Grange Public Relations Contest is to recognize the public relations work being done by our Granges across the country and to share this work with other Granges with the intent of fostering more public relations efforts. The more Grange public relations occurring within our communities, the better!

RULES

- A. The National Grange Public Relations Contest is open to all Granges (State, Pomona, Community, Junior), Grange committees or Grange groups (i.e., auxiliary, youth, Junior 1+).
- B. A Public Relations item may be a flyer, poster or advertisement; a short video; a radio commercial or announcement; a social media post; a press kit or media release; a shirt, button or other wearable item; or anything else you create to promote Grange.
- C. All contest entries must be received electronically as an audio or video file or as a .pdf or .jpg document by the National Grange Lecturer by **October 31, 2019**. Send entries to: lecturer@nationalgrange.org.
- D. Any entries received after the deadline will not be judged. However, all entries received will be electronically exhibited at the 153rd National Grange convention in Minneapolis.
- E. There are two (2) divisions:
 - Created by a professional (paid or in-kind).
 - Created in-house (without professional assistance).
- F. There is no limit on the number of Public Relations items that can be submitted by any Grange, Grange committee or Grange group. Each item will need a short explanation of how it was used.
- G. If your Public Relations item is wearable please take a photo/s of the item and submit the photo/s.
- H. All entries will be shared by the National Grange with State, local and Junior Granges across the country.
- I. A 2019 National Grange Public Relations Contest Entry Form must be completed for each Public Relations item submitted.

PRIZES

Monetary prizes will be awarded: 1st - \$200, 2nd - \$100, 3rd - \$50 and 4th - \$25 in each division.

2019 Colorado State Grange Raffle

Be sure to get your raffle tickets to help 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. See the article on Page 1 for more specifics on the raffle and prizes.

We appreciate your support.

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

Mt. Allison

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

Upcoming events:

- September 16 — business meeting @ 7 p.m.
- September 21 — Exhibit Day @ Florida Grange hall.
- October 21 — business meeting @ 7 p.m.
- TBA — Harvest Supper the end of October.

Just got finished helping to clean the La Plata County Fair kitchen after another successful county fair. Thanks to Karen Baxter (from our Grange) along with Cindy Greer (Marvel), Amy Peterson (Florida), Dean Heiner (Florida), Sheryl Ayers (Marvel), and Marie Roessler (Animas Valley) for all of their help.

We had another successful food distribution day on July 9. Over 60 families were served.

We lost another longtime member, George Knoll, on August 1. He was a past master, past state delegate, Word for Thirds coordinator and distributor, and helper at all events that Mt. Allison held. He also was the coordinator for the Ignacio 9Health Fair for many years. He wasn't just a member — he was very active and wanted to help wherever he could (for all organizations). His obituary follows:

George W. Knoll went home to Jesus on August 1, 2019. He was in the arms of three of his daughters and a granddaughter. George was born to Wills and Celestis Knoll in Osborne, KS on October 6, 1932. He is preceded in death by his parents, six siblings and four sons. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Joyce, four daughters, 13 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren.

George graduated from Ft. Hays University with a Master's degree in Botany. He loved the outdoors and was an avid hunter, fisherman, camper, hiker and Boy Scout leader. He worked for the BIA for 30 years before retiring to the Colorado mountains that he loved.

After retiring, George was active in the Bayfield Lion's Club, Mt. Allison Grange, Calvary Presbyterian Church, the Bayfield Senior Center and the SUCAP board. He loved to spend time with family, play all kinds of games and start water fights.

Services were held at Pine River Valley Baptist Church at 11942 Hwy 172, Ignacio, at 11 a.m. Monday, August 5, 2019. George will be cremated and interred in the family plot in Kansas at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to a fund to start a scholarship in his name at Ft. Hays University. George W. Knoll.

Larry Corman

Marvel

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

September 16 — County Commissioners On the Road meeting 7 p.m.

September 19 — To be decided. September 20 — Pomona Exhibit Day.

October 4 — Business meeting 7:30 p.m.

June 24 we hosted a Mozzarella Cheese making class which had five in attendance at the home of Cheryl Schmitt. She showed us how to make Ricotta and Mozzarella Cheese.

July 9, Cassie Walters showed a group of six how to make beaded Christmas ornaments. There were three others in attendance who watched.

July 19 our annual Ice Cream Social honoring veterans was held at Pat and Lila Greer's yard. There were approximately 120 in attendance with 15 veterans in attendance. We had 12 different freezers of ice cream, several desserts and lots of patriotic decorations. It was a wonderful afternoon of fellowship.

August 16 we hosted line dancing at the Grange Hall at 7:30 p.m.

August 17 we participated in the Pomona Picnic hosted by Florida Grange Hall.

Several Grange members helped out at the La Plata Pomona Grange concession during the county fair the first part of August. Thank you to everyone who volunteered.

We cancelled our July meeting due to the Fourth of July weekend.

Cindy Greer



Marvel Grange held an Ice Cream Social honoring veterans.



Cassie Walters demonstrating how to make Beaded Christmas Ornaments to a group at Marvel Grange.

Pikes Peak
El Paso and Teller Counties

Florissant

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

September 14 — Fall Yard Sale and Craft Show 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

September 21 — Pine Needle Basket Class 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

October 12 — Pine Needle Basket Class 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

October 26 — Halloween Party with Potato Hunt and Costume Parade 1-3 p.m.

The Florissant Grange continues to hold monthly Pine Needle Basket Classes with new and continuing students. In July we worked on the coiled basket and in August we incorporated gourds and had a record breaking crowd of more than 15. Teaching 10 is a challenge... teaching more than 15 and two techniques at the same time was way too much fun.

The Florissant Grange Quilt of Valor Guild presented a Quilt of Valor to a local veteran at the Heritage Day Celebration held on July 27. The veteran is a community member and a member of the International Western Music Association, Ms. Sonja Oliver.

The weather was perfect for our Heritage Day Celebration in Florissant and at the Grange we had vendors and crafters, food, ice cream and entertainment from the International Western Music Association, the High Altitudes, Rich Currier, Tom Mnich and Jim and Jean DeSchmidt. We had a great crowd of shoppers. The Old School House Museum was open and we had a visit from the well known Judge Costello, founder of Florissant.

We had the fourth annual concert with the Lima Street Band on August 17. We served appetizers and desserts and listened to the nostalgic sounds of the group as they played music from



Florissant Grangers presenting Sonja Oliver with a Quilt of Valor.

John Denver; Peter, Paul and Mary; The Kingston Trio, and soooooo much more.

As always everyone is invited to attend the "Page 34" Pot Luck/Jam Session every Wednesday 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.



Florissant Grangers are enjoying the variety of Pine Needle Basket Classes — with a record breaking crowd of more than 15 in August!



Everyone's welcome.

Coming in September is our annual Yard sale and Craft show on the 14th and the basket class on the 21st.

In October we have our annual Halloween party with crafts, a potato hunt (to celebrate the potato harvest time) a costume parade and outdoor games.

Renee Caldwell

Ute Mountain
Dolores and Montezuma Counties

Mount Lookout

Contact Katheryn Fulton, kestralfarm@gmail.com, for further information.

Greetings from Mancos, Grangers! On behalf of the Mt. Lookout Grange Board, we hope that you have all experienced a productive and fun summer.

Mt. Lookout Grange missed the last Granger cycle, so I am reporting for the whole spring and summer, which included one of MLG's premier fundraisers, the Mancos Bloom. The event was a huge success, attracting a large crowd from throughout the region. The event featured live music from a local rock-a-billy band, local lamb and local beef burgers and local brats on the grill, local spinach salad, and local beer and cider. As usual, the event also featured a traditional

May Pole dance, which was a lovely way to bring in the spring. MLG raised some money and some enthusiasm at this festive family event.

Our Grange continues to host a community dinner on the second Sunday of every month, and the meal has been well attended by regulars as well as folks who are new to our community. We are proud of our role as the "welcome wagon." The facility has been rented to community members for private events, such as birthday parties, graduation parties, and a quinceanera. Our community kitchen has been attended by another round of Cooking Matters classes, this one well attended by some fathers. Mancos FoodShare continues to offer weekly food distributions out of our pantry, assisting local families who experience food insecurity.

As for our facility, with more abundant water this year than last, our lawn is nice and green, and fruit trees are healthy. In the spring, we qualified for

a grant that allowed us to improve our heating system, re-texture, and paint the interior, and we were gifted some outstanding mounted photographs of local scenes. The inside of the building looks great! Now we are seeking funds via a capital improvement campaign so that we can be in a position to receive matching grants for other needed improvements, namely exterior stucco and insulation.

Carol van der Harten

Lewis

Contact Mark Wilson, badger@fore.net or 970-882-2189 for further information.

A dance was held on June 15 and was well attended, and enjoyed by all. Vanishing Breed, the band, will be back August 24 by popular demand. After all these years, I still can't dance.

We would like to welcome Clyde and Becky Whiting, our newest members.

Mark Wilson



Mt. Lookout Grange's festive family event and fundraiser, the Mancos Bloom, was a huge success. The large crowd enjoyed live music, local food and May Pole dance.





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

September 7 — Darden Pomona meets at Maple Grove Grange, 4 p.m. meeting with potluck to follow.

Darden Pomona Grange met in July for a picnic at Prospect Park in Wheat Ridge. Following the picnic we had entertainment of country music by The Carolyn Sills Band. They were from California. Everyone enjoyed the picnic with plenty of good food, entertainment and fellowship.

The September meeting will be held at Maple Grove Grange and we will be discussing plans for the Christmas Party in December.

Idella Lewis

Enterprise

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

September 11 — 6:30 p.m. Potluck with Meeting to follow.

October 9 — 6:30 p.m. Potluck with Meeting to follow.

October 20 — from 5 to 7 p.m. — Annual Chili Dinner ALL YOU CAN EAT!

November 13 — Thanksgiving Potluck at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 11, 2019 — 6:30 p.m. Potluck with Meeting to follow.

Potluck will be a regular potluck but we will also have vegetables and some desserts from vegetables grown in our Community Garden Project. We will discuss preparations for the State Grange Convention and plan our 2019-2020 Grange year. We will decide on the dates and times for the September outing to Celestial Seasonings in Boulder, and to the Dushanbe Tea House in Boulder.

Wednesday, October 9, 2019 — 6:30 p.m. Potluck with Meeting to follow. We will discuss plans for the upcoming chili dinner, our winter community service projects, the Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinners. The delegates to the State Grange Convention will update the members on the outcomes of the convention.

Sunday, October 20 — from 5 to 7 p.m. — Annual Chili Dinner ALL YOU CAN EAT!

Location: Enterprise Grange Building, 7203 Simms Street, NW Corner of 72nd Avenue and Simms Street in Arvada. Serving: Chili (Meat and Bean, Green and Red, in all temperatures from mild to HOT. Also available: Corn Bread, Hot Dogs, Chili Cheese Dogs, Chips, Dessert, Soft Drinks and Coffee with each meal.

Cost: Adults — \$10; Children 5 to 12 — \$5; Children Under 5 — eat free. Tickets can be obtained from any member of the Enterprise Grange or by calling Dorothy Dannels at 303-425-0111 or Carol Lackey at 303-521-4477. All proceeds benefit our Holiday Senior Stocking Projects. Pre-purchased tickets are not necessary, just easier for planning purposes. Join us if you can! There's always plenty for everyone.

Wednesday, November 13 — Thanksgiving Potluck at 6:30 p.m. Carin' Clinic and Shannon's Hope

clients will join us along with any Grangers, friends and family who wish to attend. Our Thanksgiving feast is a traditional potluck with turkey and all the trimmings. Turkey, potatoes and gravy, beverages and desserts are provided by the Grange. Attendees bring a small dish to share.

On July 15 we had our outing to the Cussler Car Museum in Arvada. The collection contains over 100 significant automobiles, ranging in years from 1906 to 1965. Everything is immaculate and the employees are so friendly and welcoming. Clive Cussler has written 81 books so far. Every once in awhile, he features one of his cars in the storyline of a book. Each of the cars that have been featured has the book displayed in front of it. For any automobile enthusiast, fan and reader of Clive Cussler or a person who likes to look at pretty things; this museum is well worth the trip.

Enterprise Grange members attended the Pomona Picnic at Prospect Park this year. The picnic started at 4:30 p.m. Everyone brought a dish to share. The Wheat Ridge concert series was held that night at the park. The performance was by the Carolyn Sills Combo Band, a Country & Western Swing Band. It was great.

Carol Lackey

Maple Grove

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

Maple Grove Grange met in July at Prospect Park in Wheat Ridge for a picnic along with Darden Pomona Grange members. Following was a concert in the park by the Carolyn Sills Band. Everyone enjoyed good food and fellowship.

The Denver Callers group meets in our hall and gave us a \$200 donation for us letting them use it without being charged.

We met August 1 with Master Marlys Halbeisen leading everyone in reciting *The Pledge of Allegiance*.

Welcome to our new member Gary Gorman.

Welcome John Cruz back with us after having triple bypass surgery.

The Agriculture report was given by Brian Kolstad. There is plenty of water this year, with Dillon Reservoir full and water level in the Blue River is high. This year was the second latest date that Arapahoe Basin Ski Area was open for skiing— July 4th. Snow is still visible on the back range.

Marlys Halbeisen reported that the annual reports are almost finished and ready to be submitted.

Idella Lewis urged everyone to enter the contest events held at the State Convention and be sure to go by the rules as given in the Handbook.

A construction company has been using the parking lot this summer while they are putting in underground wires and lines. It has looked like a construction zone! Hopefully they will soon finish their project.

\$175 was sent in to the State Grange to help the various committees.

Maple Grove will again provide dictionaries in the Words for Thirds Dictionary Project at Peak Academy and Kullerstrand Elementary Schools. Discussion was held on providing the *Colorado Reader* and Idella will try to

find a school that would be interested in using them in their classroom.

Gary Gorman reported on the AARP Class he had attended that gives a discount on insurance rates for three years. We will try to have a class at Maple Grove and invite other Granges and community members to attend.

Officers and committees will remain the same except Marily Lane will serve as Chaplain and Gary Gorman will be Gatekeeper for the 2019-2020 year.

Idella Lewis encouraged everyone to donate blood as the blood banks have a shortage of donations during the summer months. Belle Bonfils has changed the name to Vitalant.

Resolutions are needed for State Session.

Idella Lewis

Wheat Ridge

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

September 12 — 6:30 p.m. Grange Business Meeting.

September 14 — 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Second Saturday Sale at the Grange.

August 10 we had a Grange Pancake Breakfast "Carnation Festival Parade."

August 22 was Wheat Ridge Grange Showcase Night.

Vivian Vos

Pleasant Park

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

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

October 12 — Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed by Potluck Lunch

November 9 — Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed by Thanksgiving Dinner.

The Ice Cream Social was a success and John Steinle spoke at the regular meeting and stayed to meet those who came for ice cream.

We draped the charter for Betty Long at the August meeting. Our meetings won't be the same without her. She is deeply missed.

Our newest member is Nanette Reed. She is part of the pioneer Legault family in Conifer.

Several members continue to work on the Christmas Card project for soldiers overseas. We want to help Marlys make her goal of 20,000 cards.

We provided \$500 worth of school supplies to the Mountain Resource Center for their annual school supply drive that helps the less fortunate children in the mountain area.

Everyone is invited to attend our Thanksgiving Dinner on November 9. The dinner will be served at noon after the regular meeting and entertainment will follow. Please RSVP to Yvonne at 303-838-4805.

The bicycle rest stop is in full operation and keeps members very busy. It is our major fundraiser and a pleasure to serve the riders who make it up Deer Creek Road.

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.

September 5 — Grange Meeting, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

September 13 and 27 — Line Dancing, 7-9 p.m.

September 21 — Golden Gate Auxiliary Pig Roast, 5 p.m.

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

October 26 — Family Halloween Party, 6-8 p.m.

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

November 9 — Holiday Craft Fair, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Grange meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

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



Pleasant Park Grangers work toward 20,000 Christmas cards for soldiers.



Donna Beck and Julie Olson Draping the Charter for Betty Long at Pleasant Park's August meeting.

303-277-0351).

Line Dancing Classes will be held second and fourth Friday of most months from 7-9 p.m. Check our website or Facebook page for the schedule for the rest of the year. Beginners are welcome. Cost is \$5 per person.

The Golden Gate Grange was once again the venue for the Jeffco Slash Days event in July. This important project is spearheaded by Jefferson County with the help and cooperation of the GGFPD, Golden Gate Auxiliary and the Golden Gate Grange. Not only does removal of slash make individual homeowner's property more fire wise, but it helps our fire district in maintaining its Fire Wise designation and lowers our ISO rating.

Gigi and Carter Acree and Ziva Primmer and their chickens, Lucy, Brownie and Spot, marched in the Buffalo Bill Days Parade in Golden representing the Golden Gate Grange. Their grandparents are Grange members, Janet and Dave Primmer; and

Ziva's parents are Grange members Aaron and Melissa Primmer. Mutton Bustin' was a big hit again this year. The Golden Gate Grange is one of the sponsors and the event was run and organized by Dave and Janet Primmer with help from Grange members Dan and Amy Long, Terri Costeldia and GGFPD members Lori Brill and Mitsu Binns.

Thanks to Kim Trost for organizing our August Food Drive. Kim volunteers at the Christian Action Guild in Golden and advised us regarding a date when the need was greatest and which items were most needed.

The annual Golden Gate Auxiliary Pig Roast will be held on September 21. The Auxiliary does a wonderful job of organizing the food and obtaining items for the Silent and Paddle Auctions. If you have anything you would like to donate (new items except antiques) please contact Suzan Dentry at mizuszan@gmail.com. Join in the good food, camaraderie of the canyon and the exciting auctions!



Left to right, standing: Carol Lackey, Eileen Figliolino, Kathy Wardle, Ashley Lackey, Leonard Dannels, and Mike Lackey; sitting: Dorothy Dannels, Sofia Cordero, and Merry Whyman.



Shanna Maxey/Golden Transcript

Gigi and her chicken in the Buffalo Bill Days Parade.

Our annual Family Halloween Party will be held on October 26 from 6-8 p.m. If you could donate candy for this safe and fun way for local kids to celebrate Halloween, please call Terri Costeldia at 303-277-0351 or bring it by the Grange. There will be snacks, games, cakewalk, crafts, and lots of Halloween decorations.

Time to sign up for a table at the Holiday Craft Fair. Tables are very reasonably priced. Call or email Jayne Ruesch 720-949-0798 (jayruesch@aol.com) or DeeDee Ramstetter 303-279-6113 (dkmhh1@gmail.com) for a sign up packet. There will be a myriad of arts, crafts and homemade food items to choose from. You will be able to purchase lunch and baked goods, too!

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.

Sadly, we lost a beloved Grange member in July. Judy Hoffman, lifelong canyon resident, passed in July. Judy will be sorely missed. Our condolences go out to the Hoffman family.

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

Boulder County

Boulder County

Left Hand

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

Business Meetings at 6 p.m. — Sept. 11, Oct. 9 and Nov. 13.

Music Open Stage — Our monthly Sunday Music Open Stage will start up again on Sunday Oct. 6, and run through April 2020. This will be our eighth season hosting this fun community event. We typically have as many as 10 performers and a total of 25-40 people attending. These events are free and hosted by Bruce and Marcia Johnson, and the Left Hand Grange #9, and run from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Please contact Bruce for more information at 720-301-6367.

Eagle Scout Project at the Grange — Left Hand sponsors Boy Scout Troop 161 in Niwot.

Recently Brandon Hult, an Eagle Scout candidate completed his Eagle Scout project at the Grange. On Saturday, August 10, Brandon and his group of volunteers constructed a beautiful flagstone patio (approx. 11 ft. by 12 ft.) behind and adjacent to the Grange building. They also installed an attractive low-maintenance picnic table and anchored it down. The total cost of the project was approximate-

ly \$1,700 and Brandon covered the entire cost through grants, discounts for materials and donations. This is a lovely addition to the Grange and an amenity for downtown Niwot, particularly during warm weather months. Congratulations to Brandon for successful coordination and completion of his project, and thanks to all who worked on it.

Willowdale Arts of Niwot — Music, Art and Community — Grange members Andy Mann and Nick Dunbar have created and co-founded Willowdale Arts, a local non-profit, that will feature a monthly event series bringing music, storytelling, and art to the Niwot Community. They plan to bring some of the best available

folk and Americana music to Niwot. Their first show, a free event, was held on Friday, August 9 and played to an electrified packed house at the Left Hand Grange.

First up, Andy Mann, a well-known National Geographic photographer and Emmy-nominated director, presented his program "Summits to Seas." He captivated the audience with the story of his adventurous professional journey from becoming an extreme rock climbing photographer to a world-traveling ocean photographer and storyteller. He now spends over 100 days a year at sea in some of the most extreme locations in the world. He documents cutting-edge marine science and tells the story of our rapid-

ly changing planet, in hopes of inspiring change, and advocating for the protection of crocodiles, sperm whales, sharks, and other marine life.

Next up, Nick Dunbar and his band 300 Days rocked the Grange with their original bluegrass, folk, swing, jazz, and Americana tunes. Nick Dunbar is a local realtor and professional musician (songwriter, guitarist and mandolinist). He was joined by Melissa McGinley on fiddle and vocals, and Dave "Pump" Solzberg on upright bass. For more information on upcoming Willowdale events visit the following.

Website: www.WillowdaleLive.com.

Bruce Johnson

Crescent

Contact Karen Juenemann, treasurer, karen@makeitsew.biz, 303-596-8314, for further information.
October 5 — 1-4 p.m.: Fundraiser for Handicap Ramp Live Music, Food, Garden Store.

As fall approaches, the Crescent Grange is looking toward its Fall Harvest Festival, October 5. This event will kick off a fund-raising campaign for a handicap ramp, making our Grange more accessible. This new-found accessibility will not only allow those with handicaps to join in the fun, we are asking attendees to generously donate to help us achieve our goal of installing the ramp by spring. All donations are greatly appreciated!

Our Fall Festival brings Left Hand Canyon Singers to our hall's stage. The 11-piece group performs locally, with a diverse repertoire of traditional vocal music such as "Easy Chair," to Michael Jackson's "Billy Jean." Rounding out their sound is upright bass, and three guitars. This group is sure to entertain, with their quick wit, and lively vocal harmonies. As always, a wide array of food and beverages will be available.

The ever-popular Garden Store will be open too! This Fall Festival marks our third successful year of providing our brand of country store items for sale. Our goat-based soaps, homemade cards and more sell out fast so come early. All proceeds will be for the ramp.

For the second year in a row the Crescent Garden is in receipt of a

sizeable grant from Broomfield, our local city and county. We have installed a compost bin, veggie wash station, and will be replacing severely damaged plastic on our hoop house with the help of this grant. Thank you, Broomfield!

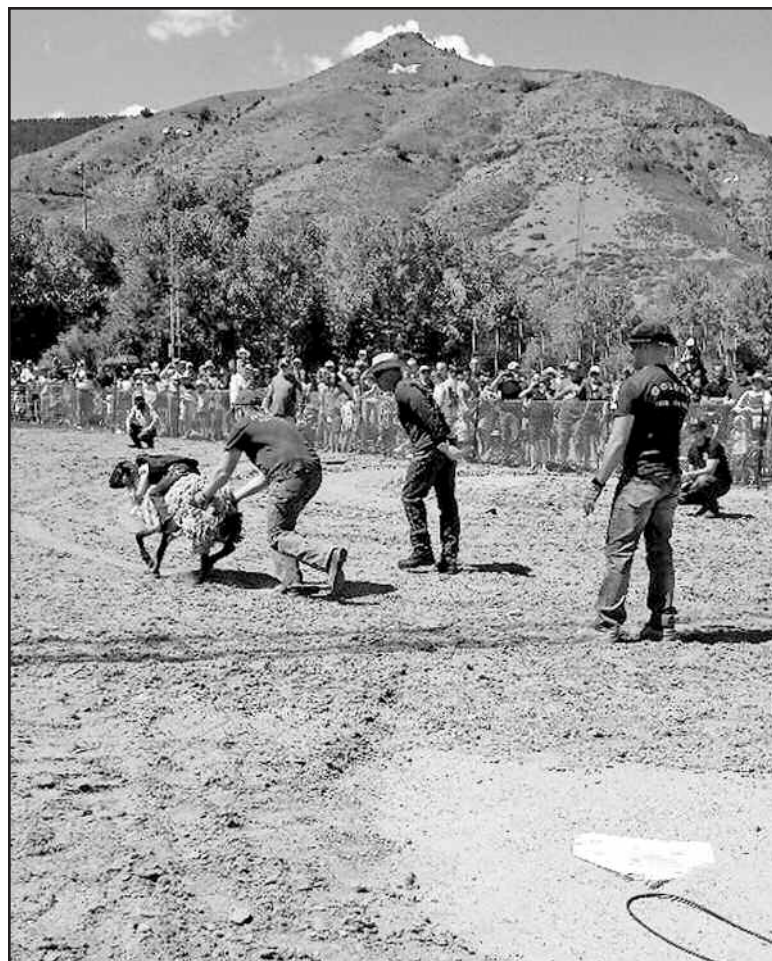
We look forward to seeing you. Happy Fall!

Karen Juenemann

At right: Left Hand Canyon Singers will entertain at Crescent Grange's Fall Harvest Festival on October 5.



Below, left: Crescent Grange's new compost bin; and, at right: new veggie wash station. Both made possible with the help of a grant from Broomfield.



Golden Gate Grange is a sponsor of the Mutton Bustin' event at Buffalo Bill Days in Golden.

— In Memoriam —

Judith Hoffman

June 12, 1932-July 19, 2019



Judith Hoffman was born on June 12, 1932, in Chicago. Her mother passed away when Judy was 10-years-old. She then moved to Colorado to live with her father on Cook Street in Denver. Her father bought property in the mountains near Robinson Hill Road for \$4.16 per acre. Judy grew up in the mountains often riding her horse to the one room schoolhouse in the area.

Judy received her Bachelor's Degree from Metro State University in 1972. She attained two Masters Degrees from

the University of Northern Colorado in 1992 and 1996. Judy taught Special Education classes in Denver Public Schools for many years. In 1979 Judy published a book "Joseph and Me — In the Days of the Holocaust" which told the story of a young Jewish girl who lived through the horrors of the German invasion and occupation of Amsterdam during the second World War.

In 1978 Judy established Douglas Mountain Arabians where she bred and trained Arabian horses. She also was a breeder of Great Pyrenees dogs.

Judy was a longtime member of the Golden Gate Grange and the Columbine Club. All who knew her will miss her wonderful spirit, intelligence and sense of humor. She loved her Golden Gate Canyon mountain home. Judy passed away peacefully on Friday, July 19, 2019.

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Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas & Elbert Counties

Garden Home

Contact Sandy Land, sland2@comcast.net, or 303-985-2009 for further information.

Brief summary of happenings: Garden Home Grange #407 has made a commitment to serve our community. Each month a \$100 donation is given to various causes. The donations thus far for 2019 include: Jan.-\$100 to

Friends of Man, Feb.-\$100 to Children's Hospital Foundation, March-\$100 to Freedom Service Dogs, April-\$100 to Whiz Kids, May-\$100 to Colorado State Grange Scholarship Fund, June-\$100 to Mandy Project, July-\$100 to Pastor Miller of the Baptist Church in the neighborhood who retired after faithfully serving the community for 30+ years.

On Friday, July 12, Garden Home Grange prepared and served a delicious meatloaf meal with fixings to 30 men, women and children at Open Door Ministries in downtown Denver. We

dined with the clients and got to share celebrations and struggles with each other. Was a rewarding time for all.

Garden Home Grange members were blessed recently when they volunteered to cook and serve dinner to the Celebrate Recovery group that meets near downtown Denver. About 30 men and women (some bought their kids) enjoyed a delicious meat loaf dinner with all of the accompaniments. Everyone from both groups had a good time sharing a meal and fellowship.

Sandy Land



Garden Home group who prepared and served a delicious meatloaf meal with trimmings for the "Celebrate Recovery" group at Open Door Ministries.

Tentative State Grange Convention Agenda

146th State Session of the COLORADO STATE GRANGE Program

All State Session Meetings and Exhibits will be held at the Castlewood Grange Hall, 7275 S. Lima Street, Centennial, CO.

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

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

Pianist: Loeda Westphal
Photographer: Elizabeth Hiner

WEDNESDAY, September 25, 2019

- 4:00 P.M.**
Set up for meeting.
- 6:00 P.M.**
Officers and Directors Dinner.
- 7:00 P.M.**
Sixth Degree Practice, State Officers.

Practice for Memorial Service to follow.

THURSDAY, September 26, 2019

- 9:30 A.M.**
Registration.
Check-in time for Lecturer, Family & Women's Activities, Junior Grange Contest Entries for judging.
- 9:45-10:00 A.M.**
State Session Committee Chairmen meet with the State Master.
- 10:00 A.M.**
New Delegates meet with State Master.
- 10:30 A.M.**
All State Session Delegates work on Resolutions.
- 11:45 A.M.** — Recess for Lunch.
- 12:00 P.M.** — Lunch
- 1:15 P.M.**
Opening of the Colorado State Grange in full form in the Sixth Degree.
Lowering to the Fourth Degree.
Roll Call of Officers/Directors.
Adopting Convention Agenda.
Partial Report of Credentials Committee.
Annual Address by State Master Cindy Greer.
Report of Treasurer and Secretary.
Report of Executive Committee Chairman.
Preliminary Report of Good of the Order Committee.
Report of Grange Museum.
Report of Leadership and Scholarship Foundation.
Committee Reports.
Report of Lobbyist and Ag Committee.
- 3:00 P.M.**
Guest Speaker, National Representative — National Secretary Judy Sherrod.
National Convention 2021 discussion.
Great Plains 2020 discussion.
- Time TBD**
Family and Women's Activities Bake Sale.
- 6:30 P.M.**
Memorial Service under the direction of State Chaplain Sheryl Ayers.
- 7:15 P.M.**
Fifth Degree — Short Form.
- 7:30 P.M.**
Sixth Degree Conferred by State Grange Officers.

FRIDAY, September 27, 2019

- 6:45 A.M.**
Colorado State Grange Alumni Breakfast.
Alan Caldwell presiding.
Meet at IHOP.
- 8:45 A.M.**
Open the Grange in the Fourth Degree.
Report of Credentials Committee.
Election of Officers.
Continuation of Committee Reports.
- 11:30 A.M.**
Recess for Lunch.
- 12:00 P.M.**
Membership Lunch at Family Sports Center.
Dominick Breton presiding.
Taco Bar.
- 1:45 P.M.**
Reconvene Session.
Continuation of Committee Reports.
- 2:15 P.M.**
Report of Grange Insurance Association, Tom McKern.
- 3:00 P.M.**
Speaker — Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus
Opioid Crisis In Colorado.
- 6:30 P.M.**
Grange Gala — Cowboys and Aliens Awards Gala.
Susie Knight entertaining.
Best Costume Contests.
- 8:30 P.M.**
(Or ASAP following Gala)
Annual Meeting of PICK.
Everyone invited.

Motels Near Castlewood Grange

Since there are many motels in the area of Castlewood Grange Hall, we have chosen again not to make arrangements for a block of rooms at one hotel/motel. This way you can choose the hotel/motel that fits your budget. Here are some of the choices that are close in proximity or more economical.

Days Inn — 9719 E. Geddes Ave, Centennial, CO; 1-866-429-5787

Drury Inn Suites — 9445 E. Dry Creek Rd, Centennial, CO; 1-888-690-5247

Econo Lodge — 9799 E. Geddes Ave, Centennial, CO; 1-866-221-8581

SATURDAY, September 28, 2019

- 6:45 A.M.**
Colorado State Grange Past Masters Breakfast
Alan Caldwell presiding.
Meet at IHOP. Menu Prices.
- 8:45 A.M.**
Junior and Youth Officers
Open the Grange.
Continuation of Committee Reports.
- 10:00 A.M.**
Ag Commissioner Kate Greenberg
- 11:15 A.M.**
Spotlight on Grange — Enterprise Grange #25.
- 12:00 P.M.**
JG Lunch at the Castlewood Grange Hall, Dan and Jenna Greer presiding.
- 1:45 P.M.**
Installation of Officers, Judy Sherrod, Installing Officer.
Reconvene Session.
Completion of Committee Reports.
2020 Convention Site.
Close the Grange in full form in the Fourth Degree.
- 3:00 P.M.**
Leadership Conferences — Lecturer, Family & Women's Activities, Community Service, Membership.
- 6:00 P.M.**
Annual Banquet of Colorado State Grange.
Executive Committee Chairman Larry Corman presiding.
Presentation of Outstanding Granger.
Presentation of Quilts of Valor.
Talent Showcase.
- 7:15 P.M.**
Raffle Drawing

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

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

Directions To Castlewood Grange Hall
From I-25 — take the Arapahoe Rd. Exit and head East to Lima St. Turn South to the Grange Hall at 7275 S. Lima Street.

RESERVATIONS FOR MEAL FUNCTIONS FOR STATE SESSION
Deadline For Ticket Orders: September 1, 2019.

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

No. of Tickets	Meal Function	Total
_____	Alumni Breakfast — Fri., Sept. 27, 6:45 a.m. • Meet at IHOP at 7017 S. Clinton St., Greenwood Village (right off I-25). Menu prices. <i>For Past State Officers and Directors & Spouses</i>	Menu Pricing
_____	Membership Lunch — Fri., Sept. 27, 12:00 p.m. • Family Sports Center 6901 S. Peoria St., Centennial, CO. @ \$13.00 Taco Bar — taco beef, chicken, refried beans, lettuce, diced tomatoes, cheese, onions, chips, salsa, sour cream and assorted cookies. Everyone invited	_____
_____	Past Masters Breakfast — Sat., Sept. 28, 6:45 a.m. • Meet at IHOP at 7017 S. Clinton St., Greenwood Village (right off I-25). Menu prices. <i>For Past Masters & Spouses</i>	Menu Pricing
_____	JG Lunch — Sat., Sept. 28, 12:00 p.m. • Castlewood Grange Hall @ \$10.00 Fundraiser for Jr. Grange. Everyone invited	_____
_____	A Annual Banquet — Sat., Sept. 28, 6:00 p.m. @ \$15.00 Castlewood Grange Hall	_____
_____	C Everyone invited (10 & under) @ \$10.00 Please Check One ___ Roast Pork, ___ Rotisserie Chicken.	_____
Total Enclosed: \$		_____
Name: _____		