



Marvel Grange #479

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Waffle /French Toast Night & White Elephant Gift Exchange

On December 17th at 6:30, the grange will provide a waffle and French toast dinner to members of the community. We ask that participants bring a topping of some kind to share. It is always fun to see how people adorn their waffles and French toast!

For those wishing to participate in a White Elephant gift exchange, please bring a gift that someone else might enjoy.

We will sing Christmas carols and celebrate the season!

Marvel Junior Grange

December 10th is the next meeting date for the Junior Grange. It will begin at 4:00 pm and end at 5:30 pm. Children ages 5 though 16 are welcome to attend.

New Year's Eve Party

This year's theme is *DOWN ON THE FARM*. We will begin the evening with dinner at 6:30 pm.

If you can help prepare the food beginning at 4:30 pm, please call Cindy Greer at 588-3386.

We're featuring a menu of Cow Patties (hamburger patties, potato slices and onion), Hay and Straw (linguini with ham and peas), Rabbits Delight (Green salad), Little Red Hen's Dinner (Rolls - remember she made bread and no one would help her until it was time to eat). We'll have beverages and dessert, too.

Following the dinner we will have table games available as usual and we will begin giving away door prizes. This year some of the door prizes will be given away by attempting a challenge game. If you've ever seen Minute to Win It, you'll have some idea of what the games might be. We do need door prizes, so if you have something you want to donate, please feel free to bring it. If you're willing to contact a business and need a donation letter I still have some. I have sent letters to the following, so please don't duplicate:

Basin CO-OP, Durango Silverton and Narrow Gauge Rail Road, Blue Horizons Farm, Birds and Bees Egg and Honey Farm, Coca Cola Bottling Company, Elena Simmons, Blue Lake Ranch, and Mary Kay (Mae Morley). Tom Champion was going to contact City Market and Albertsons.

We will accept donations for the food and everyone is encouraged to bring a snack for the evening. We'll play games and give door prizes away at least until midnight, or until everyone goes home.

Upcoming Dates:

December 17—Marvel Grange Activity—Waffle/French Toast Night 6:30

December 31—New Year's Eve Party

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January 7—Marvel Grange Meeting 7:30
Literary Program—Margaret

January 21—Marvel Grange Activity—Stone Soup—Community & Grange Recognition 6:30

Manna Soup Kitchen Pie Making

We will be making pies at the Manna Soup Kitchen on Tuesday, December 21st beginning at 2:00 p.m. Bring a rolling pin if you can help. Anyone who wants to car pool should contact Cindy Greer at 588-3386. She will plan on leaving at 1:30 p.m.

Italian Potluck & Canned Food Drive

This event was held on November 19th with over 30 people attending, including about 10 children. The food included several pizza and pasta dishes, salads, homemade bread— it was all delicious!

We requested that people come with a story to share, either about Thanksgiving or about pizza, which is a favorite food, especially of children. About ten adults came forward and shared a story about past Thanksgivings. Some of the stories had a common theme, an underdone or nearly raw turkey. It was fun to hear the stories and reminded some of us of past Thanksgivings where things weren't perfect but we enjoyed our extended family.

We talked about adopting three families in the area that needed help this Christmas season. People had the opportunity to pick up a tag with the age and size of a specific child along with a gift idea. All the tags were taken and the gifts are now being collected so they can be delivered to the families later this month. Thanks to all who participated in this worth-

