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## Colorado Grangers Attend 2021 National Grange Convention

Colorado Grangers who attended the National Grange convention in Wichita, Kansas, had a great time. Special thank you to Roger and Sheryl Ayers, Amy Peterson, Ruth Wilson Francisco, Elizabeth Hiner, Harry and Cindy Greer, Gary and Kathy Wardle, for all they did to help host the convention along with Grangers from Kansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska, and Texas. They helped in the hospitality room, guarding the session doors, watching over exhibits, Playing the piano for the seventh degree, helping out in the Host office

and the National office, and helping with registration.

Several Colorado Granges received net membership gain certificates for 2020 and 2021. Grange in Action awards were presented to: Animas Valley Grange, Marvel Grange, Sunflower Grange, and Wheat Ridge Grange.

Marvel Junior Grange received third in Community service and Henry Greer of Marvel Junior Grange received second on his seed picture.

The theme for the coming year was announced, "Raised, Right Here."



Pictured from left to right: Gary Wardle, Roger Ayers, Kathy Wardle, Sheryl Ayers, Ruth Wilson Francisco, Elizabeth Hiner, Cindy Greer, Harry Greer, and Amy Peterson.

## 2022 Colorado Grange Handbook inside

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## Heirloom Program — Designed To Impart Grange Traditions And Values

by Amanda Brozanna Rios,  
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With more than 150 years of tradition and culture, it can be difficult for new members and new Granges to acclimate and truly become part of the organization. While our ritual and language are beautiful, they are often cited as unattractive or barriers to entry for those without a deep Grange background — yet without them, we lose our identity and the thing that bonds us as a fraternity.

Change is a constant aspect of life, as our ritual tells us, but retaining what makes us Grange is essential to fulfilling the charge from our founders — for the Grange to be perpetual. For us, the Grange traditions and values are our heirlooms — inseparable pieces of the Grange that are passed down through our membership over generations. These valuable cornerstones of what it is to be a Grange and Grangers are part of our identity and tie us to our roots while preparing us for success in the future.

### Imparting Lessons Through Values Readings

One of the biggest disconnects with new members — especially members of younger generations with less of an orientation toward formal ritual work — is the sometimes obscure language and archaic presentation of these foundational lessons during Degree Days or Installations. Many new members are never given or read the Declaration of Purposes or see degrees because we infrequently hold exemplifications, and as such our Grange heritage and identity becomes compromised.

This program is designed to impart these lessons to new Grange members in a way that meets them at a modern level of comfort and attention span while creating meaningful connection to the lessons themselves that are the most important piece of the ritu-

al work.

Values readings are just that — short one or two sentence snippets that communicate a lesson or a value. As attention spans wane, even in older adults, they offer a new way to incorporate our most basic and fundamental lessons to new and seasoned Grangers to encourage thought and reflection and application to daily life, no matter your age or occupation.

Including these readings as part of your work does not change the way in which a Grange functions, the formalities of a Grange meeting, or any other part of the work of an active Grange. These suggested readings come from our degree work and other ritual and foundational documents. They fit easily into the order of business of a Grange meeting in the Good of the Order section or can be used to inspire the occasional Lecturer's pro-

gram or at another appropriate time during the course of your meeting.

Change is inevitable, as our founders told us through the ritual work they left us. Even as we change, evolve and grow, it is essential that we retain and impart upon new members our most sacredly held values — not only those of faith, hope, charity, and fidelity, but also of civility, respect for others, nonpartisanship, lifelong education, the reverence for those who allow us to meet our most basic of needs (agriculturalists and others that produce our food and shelter), and more.

By providing direct quotes from these ritual and essential documents

as part of our meetings, all members are part of the journey and new members become more familiar with our culture and traditions and form a deeper bond with the organization as a whole. Having heard several of the phrases from the degrees and installation as well as the Declaration of Purposes over the course of a year or more prior to seeing the degrees or installation in full form, members are much more likely to be more attentive, better understand the teachings, and welcome the experience to see Grange heritage on display.

This focus on a slow introduction to the lessons is key to connecting  
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## BONDING

Fidelity Bonding is a type of insurance coverage to protect the financial assets of your Community, Pomona, or State Grange. Section 4.10.9 of the Digest of Laws of the National Grange stipulates that all Granges, at their own expense, are to be bonded or insured for employee dishonesty with coverage to include at least the Secretary and Treasurer of each organization.

The Fidelity Bond protects the Grange by covering financial losses due to dishonest or fraudulent acts of an individual or group. Should any unfortunate loss or theft of your Grange's funds occur, due to the dishonest acts of covered positions, you would file a claim for review. The bond would help to cover the Grange's financial loss up to the policy limit.

The National Grange has a schedule Fidelity Bond (also referred to as employee dishonesty insurance or crime coverage) available at a discounted group rate. The bond is issued through the NGM Insurance

Company, located in Keene, NH. Every Grange is eligible to participate by enrolling through their state office.

The Fidelity Bond available through The National Grange can provide coverage for all officers and member positions, not just the Secretary and Treasurer, who are required to be bonded by the Digest of Laws. Basic minimum coverage is \$5,000 for a Community Grange, or for a Pomona Grange, and \$25,000 for a State Grange. Higher coverage limits are available and subject to underwriting. The Bond coverage is for one calendar year beginning January 1st.

Every Grange that would like to purchase discounted coverage enrolls through their State Grange.

Every Grange President in Colorado should have received this information and brought it to your Grange's attention for discussion. If you need additional information, contact the State President or the State Secretary.

## Upcoming Dates

Call individual Granges for more information.

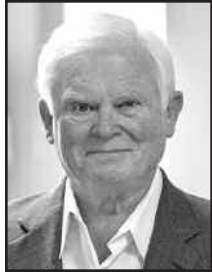
- January 7 Marvel Grange Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- January 8 Pleasant Park Grange Regular Meeting, 10 a.m., followed with potluck
- January 8 Wheat Ridge Grange Second Saturday Sale at the Grange, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., vendors
- January 10 La Plata Pomona Grange Meeting, 7:30 p.m., at the Florida Grange Hall
- January 11 Wheat Ridge Grange Business Meeting, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- January 12 Maple Grove Grange Meeting, 1 p.m.  
(Notice date change to the second Wednesday due to many members out of town the first Wednesday.)
- January 15 Marvel Grange Chili/Soup Cook-off, Dessert Auction 6:30 p.m.
- January 27 Wheat Ridge Grange Chili Cook-off, 6:30-8 p.m.
- January 29 Marvel Grange Community Breakfast
- February 4 Marvel Grange Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- February 5 Darden Pomona Meeting at Wheat Ridge Grange
- February 5 Marvel Methodist Church Ground Hog Supper
- February 8 Wheat Ridge Grange Business Meeting, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- February 12 Pleasant Park Grange Regular Meeting, 10 a.m., followed with potluck
- February 12 Wheat Ridge Grange Second Saturday Sale at the Grange, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., vendors
- February 15 BONDING, Information and Payment Due at the State Grange Office
- March 4 Marvel Grange Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- March 12 Pleasant Park Grange Regular Meeting, 10 a.m., followed with potluck

# Master's Message

Gary Wardle, State Master

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As you are all aware you did not receive a newspaper in November. The printing company had a new process where they had the post office pick up the paper from their office instead of the printing company dropping the paper at the Englewood Post office. The paper was lost. We are working with the printing company to find and have the paper delivered. Hopefully you will receive both papers.

I hope you all are looking forward to a good year in 2022. I encourage all Granges to have a planning meeting for your 2022 Grange year. This will help provide direction for your Grange to identify community service projects and how your Grange can help improve the community.

Kathy and I attended the National Grange convention in Wichita Kansas. It was good to meet all the other presidents for the different Grange states. Betsy Huber was re-elected President and Cindy was re-elected Ceres. Congratulations Cindy. I received awards for Colorado Granges that I will be delivering as weather allows. The delegates approved allowing the National Grange Executive Committee to begin the process to sell the National Grange Building in Washington, D.C. The building is in need of major repairs, estimated at \$8 million. The money from the sale will be invested to purchase a different building in the Washington, D.C. area. Funds will also be used to replace the loss of rental income to operate the National Grange until a new office is purchased. This may take up to 2 years to complete.

All Granges are required to have bonding. The presidents will receive information to obtain bonding from the National Grange. Please return your bonding information by February 15.

If I can be of assistance to your Grange please do not hesitate to contact me either at [coloradograngepresident@gmail.com](mailto:coloradograngepresident@gmail.com) or 303-349-7390. I will be glad to visit and assist in any way I can.

As we move into 2022 let's not forget the Grange Moto:

"IN ESSENTIALS UNITY, IN NON-ESSENTIALS LIBERTY, AND IN ALL THINGS CHARITY."

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them with the Grange of yesterday, today, and tomorrow. The program provides one reading for each monthly meeting. These readings are on a five-year schedule and allow Granges to pick up at any time in the schedule. You will see these lessons, distributed as bite-sized phrases, used in various publications and social channels from National Grange each month. Often, but not always, they correspond to the season of the year.

This handbook introduces each of the lessons by the month and year, starting with Spring 2022 as "Year

A." Each subsequent year is labeled as B, C, D and E. With this model, Year A would be repeated in 2027; Year B in 2028, and so on unless new yearly reading plans are released through that time. In addition, you will find sample social media posts or traditional print ads that your Grange, Pomona, or State may use to encourage members to reflect on these lessons.

For additional information on this program you can contact the Colorado State Grange President, Gary Wardle; Colorado State Grange Secretary, Cindy Greer; or the National Grange membership Director, Amanda Rios.

## The Colorado Granger Guidelines

February 15, 2022, is the deadline for articles for the March-April 2022 edition of *The Colorado Granger*. You can send them to the State Grange Office, 7629 County Road 100, Hesperus, CO 81326 or email [costategrange@gmail.com](mailto:costategrange@gmail.com).

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

Name of Grange  
Contact person (with 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)

# Notes From The Secretary

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Hopefully by this time you have collected dues from most of your members. There are always a few stragglers and you have to be persistent in getting them to send the funds or communicate their plans.

I hope that you've received the *Granger* from November/December by now. If you read the Master/President's column you know what happened. I've learned a lot about the USPS over the last few months as State Secretary.

The *Journal of Proceedings* was completed and sent out to each Grange and is on the web site for anyone who is bored and is desperate for something to read. The *Colorado State Grange Roster* is printed and has been mailed out to Masters/Presidents. They received two copies, one for them, and one for the Secretary. If you need additional copies please let me know. For those of you who have email I have sent you an Excel spreadsheet with the information that was in the printed copy.

It's extremely important for subordinate/community Granges to send in their quarterly reports on time

(ASAP after the end of the quarter). Why? Because the State Grange has to send in a quarterly report to the National Grange also, and if we're more than 30 days late we get charged a % of the dues due as a late fee. So please help me keep our quarterly reports accurate and on-time.

*Granger* articles are due on the 15th of the month prior to delivery date. The articles should begin with a list of upcoming dates, if available, for the next two months. I know some of you don't plan that far ahead, but that's the only way to make *The Colorado Granger* a document that is proactive rather than reactive.

Don't forget to apply for 50-year and 25-year awards for your members who have achieved these membership milestones, along with other. The State office does have a supply of 50-year and 25-year member pins available to purchase. The certificates have to be sent to National along with a fee, but they also have to have the State Grange seal on them and my signature, so the process takes a little bit of time due to mailing items.

# Real Estate Management

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There are many types of commercial property insurance coverage: inland marine, builders risk, cargo insurance, or even cyber, to share a few examples. In this article we are going to talk about the commercial property insurance policy, coverages found in this policy, and the various options you have when purchasing.

Specifically, we will review the coverages found on the most common commercial property insurance policy form used in the United States. It's called the **CP 00 10 – Building And Personal Property Coverage Form**.

There are three types of property that this policy will pay claims on: your building, your business personal property, and personal property of others. Here is what each means:

**What is covered under commercial property insurance?**  
**Your Building**

Without sounding too obvious, this coverage part insures the buildings list on your insurance policy.

The building can be a structure that you own or a property that you do not own but are responsible for insuring (referred to as a triple net lease).

In addition to the actual structure, building coverage insures the follow-

ing parts of your building:

1. Completed additions
2. Fixtures (including outdoor fixtures)
3. Permanently installed machinery and equipment

**Your Business Personal Property**

The second coverage in a commercial business property insurance policy is the business personal property (BPP) section. This section of the policy doesn't cover the building (unless you are a tenant that has made permanently installed improvements to your rented space), but it covers the building's contents. Here are a few examples that the policy lists:

1. Furniture and fixtures
2. Machinery and equipment
3. Stock
4. All other personal property owned by you and used in your business
5. Tenant's improvements and betterments (upgrades made to a rented space)
6. Leased personal property for which you have a contractual responsibility to insure

It is essential to note that most commercial property insurance policies only cover personal property in or within 100 feet of the insur-

# Roster Corrections:

Please make the following corrections to the 2021-2022 Roster:

**VICTORY GRANGE**  
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**LAKE VISTA #336**  
**NO POMONA**  
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**S Helen Lee**  
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970-565-8049

**LAMBERT #439**  
**NO POMONA**  
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ed building.

A quick way to determine what is included under the building vs. business personal property limit is to imagine picking up the building, flipping it upside-down, and shaking it. Whatever fell out qualifies as business personal property. The remaining building and permanently installed features of that building would be covered under your building limit.

**Personal Property Of Others**

An overlooked yet important coverage part of the business property insurance policy is coverage for the property of others in your care, custody, and control. This could mean property that you are borrowing, or even customer's property.

Similar to the business personal property coverage, this coverage only applies to property within 100 feet of the insured building.

Additionally, if you were to turn in a claim under this coverage, it will only pay the owner of the property and not yourself.

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Or call in at (301) 715-8592  
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## Agriculture Report

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### Status And Update On The Wolf Introduction

In the fall of 2020 a wolf pair and up to four others, maybe offspring, were identified in Moffat County in the NW corner of our state becoming the first wild wolves positively tracked here in over 80 years. They would have migrated south out of Wyoming and they, or their ancestors, having somehow crossed I-80 as they moved south into the Green River area where they hunted. Three were later shot when they moved back north into Wyoming where hunting is allowed. Another pair has been identified in the North Park area.

Colorado voters passed Proposition 114 and the Colorado Parks and Wildlife was tasked with introducing wolves to Western Colorado with a deadline of 2023. To best manage the introductions, the CPW established two working groups to guide the introduction processes, the Technical Working Group (TWG) where members have a strong science and field experience in wildlife biology, wildlife management, wolf introduction and management. This group will review and contribute expertise covering conservation objectives, management strategies and damage prevention and compensation. The second group, the Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) with members from throughout Colorado and representing many interests, provides a range of viewpoints from diverse geographic areas and is proposing considerations for the plans developed by the TWG.

### Tasks And Challenges

- how the state will work with agricultural producers to prevent and reduce wolf depredation on livestock and how producers are compensated for losses. (CPW is required to assist livestock owners in preventing and resolving conflicts between gray wolves and livestock, and pay fair compensation to livestock owners for any losses of livestock by gray wolves.)
- logistics for the reintroduction of wolves given the history of introduction into Yellowstone and Idaho in the 1990s with real-world experiences about establishing and managing wolves.
- What it means to have wolves on the landscape, how experts from other states approach wolf management, and how wildlife experts develop management plans for other species.

Below are selected public comments from recent advisory meetings that represent interesting perspectives, reflecting urban ignorance in my opinion — DMc:

- Colorado has a unique opportunity to allow humans and nature to coexist successfully.
- Depredation numbers are low, compensation should not be provided for livestock depredation on public lands, also suggested livestock owners received too much compensation for conservation easements, and noted her opposition of hunting of wolves.
- Spoke from the perspective of CPW volunteers and the amount of time and effort they put in to caring for state parks and wildlife. also expressed concern that the cost of public lands grazing and the livestock industry in Colorado is greater than the benefit it presents to Colorado.
- Noted CPW asked residents to remove attractants to avoid bear and wildlife conflicts and that the same should be extended to producers in removing carcasses.
- Suggested ranchers can thrive without use of lethal control and they can use nonlethal conflict tools.
- Wolves can increase tourism.
- Use of lethal management would not foster good will and should be

a reason to disqualify a producer from compensation.

- He noted his support of compensation for ranchers and strong favor for nonlethal conflict minimization tools.
- Add wolf viewing trips to cash in on wolf tourism.
- Poachers and climate were more significant drivers of depredation than wolves, and that many Colorado residents were not aware of the State's current game damage program.
- Opposition to lethal management and suggested wolves will stabilize to carrying capacity through self-regulation as they have done in the Yellowstone ecosystem; opposition to wolves being listed as a big game species.
- Discussion about ethics and values and to consider the intrinsic values of wolves.
- Wolf depredation is rare compared to other livestock losses. He suggested pressure to falsify reports of depredation have occurred and expressed support for verification before compensation.
- Importance of distinguishing the role of dogs in shepherding/warning vs. attacking the wolves in leading to a potential lethal outcome,

producers and regulators recognize the reality that either the wolf or the dog would be injured or killed in an encounter.

Future wolf management topics for technical discussion will include defining success, numeric and non-numeric recovery goals, and recovery

phases, including discussing the questions: What does self-sustaining mean? What is the threshold for delisting? What does current law provide for? What are realistic expectations of management goals that can be determined now?

Other topics to include: impacts of

wolves to big game and big game hunting; disease issues; interactions with domestic pets; use of collars and monitoring expectations; and communication with the broader public about wolf presence and data.

Sources: *High Country News*, CPW website, pro wolf interests.



## Family Activities

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January is National Soup Month even though soup is a great food to have any time of the year. There are even soups which are served cold, such as gazpacho soup, in the summertime. Nothing drives away those chilly winter blues like a bowl of hot soup in the wintertime when it is cold outside.

The nice thing about soup is that it can be varied to become a tasty nutritious meal.

Evidence suggests that the exist-

tence of soup goes back as far as 20,000 B.C. Hot rocks and clay vessels were used to cook soup. The famous Campbell soup cans were painted by Andy Warhol who confessed to drinking Campbells Soup for lunch for 20 years!

Go ahead and get souped up this winter! This is a variation of the traditional potato soup you might like to try.

### Potato/Bacon Soup

Yield: 8 servings

- 4 C. chopped/peeled potatoes
- 3/4 C. chopped onions
- 3/4 C. chopped celery
- 1 C. chicken broth or bouillon
- 3 C. milk
- 6 slices bacon, fried crisp & crumbled
- 1/4 t. pepper

In a 3 qt. saucepan combine potatoes, onions, celery, and chicken broth. Bring to a boil — reduce heat to simmer for 15 minutes until vegetables are tender. Stir in milk, bacon, and pepper. Heat to serving temperature.

## 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.



# Washington DC Experience

for Grange Juniors, Youth, and Young Adults

## March 12-15, 2022

Registrations due February 1

- Receive legislative training
- Meet your representatives
- Tour Washington DC
- Become an advocate

\$150 Registration Fee  
(Scholarships Available)  
Travel and lodging on your own



For more information: [nationalgrangeyouth.org](http://nationalgrangeyouth.org) | [nationaljuniorgrange.org](http://nationaljuniorgrange.org)

# MEMBER APPRECIATION

## New Recognition Certificates Available!



**Recognition and Appreciation** have a positive effect on membership retention, engagement, and organization culture. By showing appreciation

New 5-, 10-, 15-, and 20-year membership recognition certificates allow Granges to celebrate smaller milestones than the traditional 25-year Silver Star Certificates.

Certificates are downloadable from the National Grange website for use in your Granges.

**Coming Soon:**  
1-4 year, 6-9 year, 11-14, and 16-19 year recognition

Contact  
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for more information!

## Chaplain's Corner

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We read in Ecclesiastes 4:12 "A rope made of three cords is hard to break." Long before mankind kept any historical records, ropes were a part of life. Ancient Egyptians used papyrus and palm fiber. The North American Indians created ropes using yucca, agave, bark from elm and willow trees, and animal hides. In many areas, hemp created the strongest especially in Manila.

The skill of rope making provided a means of living and fathers taught sons. Strong ropes were a necessity of life. They were used in building, hunting, and fishing. During the many years, the development of manufacturing has completely changed the creation. In 1642 rope was made in Boston for rope walk ways in seaport towns. The invention of the rope twisting machine in England in 1820 changed forever the manufacturing.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 reads "Two are better off than one, because together

they can work more effectively. If one of them falls down, the other can help him up". The scripture compares this to the strength of many fibers in rope.

When we work together, larger and better accomplishments are created. I like to think of that in regard to our Grange work. We worked together at the September annual Grange convention. We are striving toward the same goals. The more members we have the stronger our rope will be. Let us find ways to work together to increase the strength of the "Grange rope."

Memorial donations for the Leadership/Scholarship Foundation should be sent to the State Grange Office at 7629 County Road 100, Hesperus, CO 81326. Checks should be made out to Colorado State Grange Leadership/Scholarship Foundation. This is a change from last year, as treasurer for the foundation has moved out of state.

## Health Awareness

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Happy Healthy New Year! It is that time of year again when some people make resolutions or commit to doing something new. What about you, did you make a new year's resolution? If so, how are you doing? If your resolution is important to you I'd like to share a couple of ideas to help you be successful.

One suggestion is to think of a habit or something that you do every day without fail, such as brush your teeth, use the restroom, or eat a meal. Depending on the new habit you want to form, you will connect your new habit to an existing daily habit. For example if your resolution is to drink more water you would probably want to connect this with using the restroom so that every time you go to the restroom you automatically drink a tall glass of water. If your resolution is to work out, you might tie this habit to

brushing your teeth. Don't beat yourself up or pretend you don't have time. Set yourself up for success by having water accessible at all times. Even if you only do five jumping jacks or 10 squats, etc., that is still exercise and only takes a minute and just a few are better than none and is a win.

Another suggestion is to just do the first 5 minutes of whatever your resolution is. If your resolution is to walk more each day, just do the first steps. Commit to putting on your walking shoes and going out the door. Even if that is all you do for the first few days that is a win. After a few days, you will most likely say, well, I made it this far, I might just as well walk around the block.

Health is wealth so take good care of yourself and each other. The secret is baby steps. Wishing you good health and happiness in the New Year!

# COMMUNITY APPRECIATION

## New Certificates of Commendation Available!

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If your Grange or department needs a 501c3 to obtain products to sell as a fund raiser, PICK may be able to help. We can partner with a Grange or a department when a 501c3 is required. Please contact us if you have a need.

Get to know our board members:  
**PICK PRESIDENT – Dominick Breton, 3645 Marshall St., Wheat Ridge, CO 80033; 303-919-2680 dom.e.breton@gmail.com.**

Dominick is currently employed at Safeway as a front end manager. He has worked at Safeway for 14 years. He is also IMD for a Great Company Team National that helps businesses and individuals in their everyday life. Dominick has been a member of Wheat Ridge Grange for seven years. He was president of the Wheat Ridge Kiwanis club in 2015. Dominick has always been very active in the Wheat Ridge Community. He likes the Grange because it offers the community a place to gather, learn about op-

portunities in Wheat Ridge, and builds up the community. Wheat Ridge is expanding with new families moving in and he finds it exciting to be on the forefront of this positive change. Dominick is also serving as a Director for the Membership department for the Colorado State Grange.

**Vice President – Marlys Halbeisen – 10650 W. 45th Ave, Wheat Ridge, CO 80401-1931; 303-475-4571; Jefferson County/**

Marlys retired from ING Security Life after 17 years of employment. She was married to her husband Don for 50 years, who has passed away. They have four children, 12 grandchildren, and one great grandchild. She has been a Grange member for more than 25 years and has served as the Master/President of Maple Grove Grange and Darden Pomona Grange. She is a member of Morning Glories, which is a volunteer organization that makes things for Children's Hospital and sells Christmas cards at the Craft Sale at the Convention Center each November.

She enjoys scrap booking, photography, sewing, embroidering, crocheting, baking, travel, people watching, grandchildren, and seniors who need assistance.

Visit the Colorado State Grange website  
[www.coloradogrango.org](http://www.coloradogrango.org)

**Progressive**  
Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas & Elbert Counties

**Sunflower Grange**

Contact Cherry Ellis, sunflower grange162@yahoo.com for further information.

Autumn was busy for Sunflower Grange.

We invested in a microphone and speaker for our public get-togethers and used it in mid-October for the second annual Bigfoot Story Night outside at BMan's BBQ. About 30 people listened as Wesley Watts, Sunflower's resident expert, told several stories of Bigfoot sightings around the country, then Mike Hulley told the scary story of "the hook!" and the story of a child rescued by Bigfoot. Surprise visitor Jason Frank took the mic and told of his encounters with Bigfoot in Colorado, which are related in his book, *Hairy*. (https://bigfootoftherockies.com/). He later answered questions and sold some books.

A sheet thrown over the fence served as film screen, but this year Dennis Ellis provided a high-tech projector (instead of a cell phone) to show the video "The Monster of Plum Creek" produced by the Douglas County TV station and Library about a local "sighting" https://dclblog.org/archives/1777-2/Roxann and Briana at BMan's made some special Bigfoot cookies for the audience.

October 22 was Bud's Bar's annual Pumpkin Weigh-in. Grange member Billy Moore has won for years and holds the record for his 2018 entry of 370 pounds. Local gardener Sheri Folsom has been plotting a take-over



Photo by C. Stephens

**2021 Pumpkin Weigh-in — Sheri's winning pumpkin.**



**Roxann at BMan's Bigfoot Night.**

for a long while; she even joined a group specializing in growing giant vegetables. This year Sheri won! Her pumpkin weighing 214.5 pounds (to Billy's 68 and 65 pounders) took four men to move to the scale for weighing. She also received the first trophy ever presented for the contest, instead of the usual bragging rights and wooden nickels for beer at Bud's. Grange entrant Natalie Thomas won \$5 and some Skittles for her 5-pound pumpkin. Sheri donated seeds to anyone who would like to grow a giant pumpkin. Her seeds for this year's winner came from Rocky Mountain Vegetable Growers. (Cherie Stephens, *Sedalia View* October 2021)

COVID restrictions led to creativity for Sedalia Elementary. They celebrated Halloween with their second "Trunk or Treat" in the school parking lot and invited local businesses

and organizations to participate. This year, Dick Ellis and Hugh MacLennan represented Sunflower handing out 180 bags of chocolate and other goodies, and they really enjoyed themselves. We hope to repeat this activity every year.

November 13, Colorado author Linda Wommack came to Sedalia's Firehouse to talk about her book *Colorado Ranching Women, 17 Legendary Ladies*, among them Tweet Kimball of Sedalia, Adeline Hornbek of Florissant, Annie Rudolph Huffington of Delta, and the infamous Josephine (Josie) Bassett McKnight Ranney Williams Wells Morris; Josie's son said getting married was his mother's hobby. The whole Bassett family was friendly with the Wild Bunch. Linda has written other books on Colorado's historic castles, graveyards, shady ladies, murders, hotels, churches, and her latest on schools. Learning Colorado history made for an enjoyable afternoon and provided us with some ideas for next year. (https://www.caxtonpress.com/ranchingwomenofcolorado/17legendaryladies.aspx).

On December 5, Dick, Cherry, and Margaret, (all Ellises but not related except by Grange), accepted Judy Harrison's very nice invitation to Progressive Pomona's meeting at Garden Home's Grange with Master Rob Northway. It was a treat to see the trophies, ribbons, and pictures on display and the big open space of an ac-



Linda Wommack talking about her book at Sedalia's Firehouse.



Rob Northway, Cherry Ellis, Judy Harrison, and Dick Ellis at the Progressive Pomona meeting at Garden Home Grange in December.

**Mandy Project**

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**National Grange Deaf Awareness Grant Program**

For many years the National Grange conducted an active Deaf Awareness Program which led to many valuable projects that enabled our members to learn more about deaf people and their challenges. In many cases, great relationships were also built with the deaf community. A fund was developed within the National Grange Foundation for the purpose of supporting deaf activities within the Grange. Because funds are still available, this grant program is being offered to assist states with funding various deaf awareness activities.

Grant application is available on the National Grange web site. They are due to National by May 1. Community Granges can apply through their State Grange. Any state Grange is eligible to apply for a grant to assist with a worthwhile project that may be planned within the state. The State Mandy director should receive the applications by April 15 in order to review the application.

Grants up to a maximum of \$1,000 will be awarded to each approved application, and will be awarded to the State Grange. The State Grange will have the option of transferring those funds to the Community or Pomona Grange conducting the deaf activity included in the grant application. A maximum of two grants will be awarded each year.

Grants may be awarded for any project that enhances deaf education. Preference will be given to high-quality activities that involve significant numbers of individuals. Creativity and uniqueness of the projects will also be factored into the selection process.

The application should be in document form and include the following information:

Name of State Grange; Name and Address of Contact Person; Date of Application; Name of the Project; Description of the Project; Anticipated number of people involved; Anticipated impact on the Grange (State and/or Local); Anticipated impact on the Community or State; Other anticipated results of the project.



Nena Robbins donating to Help and Hope, Kim Larson, volunteer director.

tual Grange hall. We learned a great deal, joined Progressive, and now look forward to more new Grange acquaintances. The March 5 Progressive Pomona meeting will be held in Sedalia at BMan's BBQ.

In November, we voted to make holiday donations to Hope & Help for food, rent, utilities, and financial emergencies for local residents. Sedalia Elementary was given King Soopers gift cards for families needing extra help during the holidays. We also voted to make 100 nice holiday stockings and fill them with traditional items like an orange, candy cane, and "coal" candy. Two donors—Toni Romaine and Auto Alley—provided us with an additional \$130 to pay for our stockings for Winterfest. The stockings turned into a real group project; Judy Smith, Margaret, and Cherry donated fabric and cut out the stockings, then Nena Robbins sewed 40, Cherie Stephens, Christine Hooks, and Cherry sewed 32, and Margaret is still sewing! She singlehandedly made specially themed stockings for employees of several businesses in town — barbeque stockings for BMan's, wine stockings for Bud's, shamrocks for O'Brien's, pets for Whistle Stop. They're on display. Margaret has also provided the town

with 1,800 candy canes donated by son Dennis. Our Publicity Chair has outdone herself!

We stuffed stockings at our December meeting, then children got to choose which they wanted on December 11, Sedalia's Winterfest. At BMan's, Mrs. Santa (Margaret Ellis) gave stockings, hugs, and posed for photos with the 100-plus children who visited. Many wrote letters to Santa and will receive a reply. Elves Augustus and Harvey helped. Sedalia Elementary's PTO sold cookies and made \$274 for special programs. Zach Watts' Sunflower Tractor Taxi carried celebrants to Sedalia Museum's open house and crafts with Kay LaPerriere, to Santa's Workshop where kids could get gifts for family members for \$1, to the Art and Crafts Trunk Sale, to Whistle Stop, and back again. For Winterfest, the whole town worked together.

Our Sunflower Grange Seed Swap will be January 8 at the Firehouse in Sedalia. You are invited to come or to write if you're interested in seeds for spring planting. We've accumulated some good ones for our changing climate. We'll even try to find some of those champion pumpkin seeds for you.

Happy 2022!

Cherry Ellis



Dick and Hugh hand out candy at Sedalia Elementary's Trunk or Treat.



Zach Watts' Sunflower Tractor Taxi shuttled Winterfest celebrants.



The Ballinger family and Mrs. Santa pose for a Christmas photo.

**Darden**  
Jefferson County

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

**February 5 — Darden Pomona meeting at Wheat Ridge Grange.**

Darden Pomona Grange held a meeting December 11 at Enterprise Grange followed by the annual Christmas party. Marlys Halbeisen led the meeting.

**Agriculture Report** — Idella Lewis reported that the Foundation for Agriculture provides literacy materials for schools including *The Colorado Reader* newspaper as well as books about agriculture. A summer agriculture institute is offered for teachers to receive recertification credit. A variety of agriculture businesses are toured so teachers can learn about the various types of agriculture and take this information back to their classes. Contributions are always welcome to The Foundation of Agriculture organization.

**Legislative Report** — Mike Lackey — There is money available to provide internet access to everyone, including those living in rural areas.

**Community Service** — Marlys Halbeisen reported 38,000 Christmas cards in 73 boxes were delivered to USA Sailors & Soldiers of America who will distribute the cards to people serving in the military overseas. Thank you to everyone who signed cards and got them to Marlys.

**Family Activities** — Idella Lewis reported that the *Handbook* will be coming out with the rules for the needlework and baking events at the next Colorado State Grange Session in the next *Colorado Granger*. Be sure to read the rules and label everything correctly when entering them at the contest.

Gary and Kathy Wardle attended the National Grange Convention held in Wichita in November. Gary gave a report on the convention. The delegates voted to sell the National Grange building due to the high costs of renovating it and making necessary repairs. Another building will be obtained.

The meetings for the following year were set. Rather than meeting in December the meeting will be in November next year to avoid conflict with the Christmas party.

Following the business meeting a delicious potluck was held. Enterprise furnished ham, turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, dressing, sweet potatoes, broccoli/rice casserole, and baked beans. Salads and desserts were brought by members. Guests for the evening were residents of Hope House, a safe place for women and children to live. Following the dinner, music was played and carols were sung, Mike Lackey read *'Twas The Night Before Christmas*. Soon Santa arrived, giving each child a stuffed animal, and a unicorn piñata was broken, spilling out many items for the children to gather up and take with them. Carol Lackey and Ashley Lackey made the piñata. Everyone left with the true spirit of Christmas giving.

Best wishes to everyone in the New Year of 2022!

Idella Lewis

**Enterprise**

Contact Carol Lackey, carollackeyhomes@gmail.com, 303-521-4477, for further information.

**January 12, 2022, Wednesday** — Potluck at 6:30 p.m. Following potluck, there will be a short planning meeting to discuss the High Tea in February, the 2022 Grange Year activities, and Community Service Projects. We will also select the recipient for the funds generated by the High Tea. After the meeting we will hold a game night. Playing cards will be provided and then please bring any games that you enjoy playing in a group setting so we can give them a try.

**February 9, 2022, Wednesday** — Valentine Party and Potluck at 6:30 p.m. Bring a Valentine for your Granger Friends and Family. Follow-



Enterprise Grange Chili Dinner cooks, from left to right, first row: Dorothy Dannels, Lisa Mittan, Amy McClure, John Dannels, and Camden Dannels; second row: Carol Lackey, and Debbie Koontz; last row: Leonard Dannels, Joe Koontz, and Mike Lackey.



Shannon's Hope clients joined Enterprise Grange for Thanksgiving.



Mike Lackey and Dorothy Dannels were surprised by a group from Shannon's Hope with a presentation of poinsettias as a Thank You for all the Granges do to help make their holidays special.

ing potluck, we will have our meeting, mainly to solidify the plans for the High Tea. Entertainment for that night TBD.

**February 12, 2022, Saturday, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. — Friendship High Tea at the Enterprise Grange Hall. Tickets will be \$18 per person.**

(Please purchase no later than Wednesday, February 9, 2022, for our planning purposes). Tickets will be sold at the door for \$20 per person. Purchase tickets from any current Enterprise Grange member or, for further information, call or e-mail:

Carol Lackey at 303-521-4477 carollackeyhomes@gmail.com or

Dorothy Dannels at 303-921-7849 dorothydannels@gmail.com

The High Tea is our fundraiser for Special Causes. We will be choosing who that will be during our January meeting

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

We held our annual Chili Dinner on Sunday, October 24, this year after having to cancel it in the past due to COVID. There were so many different yet delicious chilis, it was hard to decide which one to choose. Most of us tried as many as we had room for.

Our attendance was up this year. This dinner helps to fund our Christmas Stocking Project so we were thrilled that we could have this fundraiser again. We made over \$800 so that we would be able to fill the stockings. Everyone was so generous this year with their donations during our stocking project that we will have this money left over to fund other commu-

nity service projects or help with the stockings next year if needed.

Thanksgiving Dinner was held in lieu of our meeting on November 10. The Carin' Clinic and Shannon's Hope clients joined us along with any Granger friends and family who wished to attend. Our Thanksgiving feast was a traditional potluck with turkey and all the trimmings. Shannon's Hope told us that this dinner is what they considered to be "their" Thanksgiving too because this is what Thanksgiving is all about for them: friends, family, and being surrounded by people who care, and they are all very thankful to be invited back to celebrate with us.

On Sunday, November 21, we were introduced to a new Community Service Event called "My Village Fights Hunger." The goal was to package at least 150,000 meals on that Sunday to make a difference in families around the world.

We joined in with the Village Community Church in Candelas and the organization of Kids Around the World. Packaging included: rice, lentils, spice mixture, and a vitamins package. Each meal was intended to serve a family of 6. There were two shifts that worked for only 2 to 2-1/2 hours. We decided to participate during the last shift of the day. Before the end of the shift at 2:30 p.m. we had completed the 150,000 meals. Mission accomplished!

Because this was a new adventure for us and we really didn't have a lot of information prior, only Merry Whyman, Carol, and Ashley Lackey attended this year. It was a fun Sunday and gave us an opportunity to meet some new people interested in helping others. Next year we will have the information earlier and are expect-



Jim Calm, an extraordinary organist, played a multitude of Christmas Carols and sing-a-longs after Christmas Dinner at Enterprise Grange.



Getting silly with Santa on Enterprise Grange's first Santa Picture Day in cooperation with House2Home Real Estate.



Pam Campbell, Lisa Mittan, and Dorothy Dannels stuffing bags.

ing more participation by Enterprise.

On December 4, we had our first Santa Picture Day in cooperation with House2Home Real Estate. We hired a professional photographer, a cookie station, coloring books, and a Santa letter writing table. Santa came all decked out in his finest Christmas attire. Each child received a small stuffed animal and a candy cane from Santa.

Enterprise Grange hosted the Pomona Old Fashioned Christmas Dinner this year on December 11. Grangers, any friends and family, the clients of the Carin' Clinic and Shannon's Hope were all in attendance. We had a meal of ham, turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, with a multitude of sides, salads and desserts.

After dinner, Mike Lackey, Master of Enterprise, read the children the "Night Before Christmas." We were serenaded by Jim Calm, an extraordinary organist, who played a multitude of Christmas Carols and sing-a-longs.

When Santa finally arrived, the children were thrilled. After Santa, came the piñata, a Unicorn this year made by Carol and Ashley Lackey. Mike Lackey and Dorothy Dannels were surprised by the Shannon's Hope group with a presentation of a poinsettia as a Thank You for all the Granges do to help make their holidays special.

We decided to fill 212 stockings for the seniors, disadvantaged, and disabled people in our Community Service groups. Olin Residences needed 112 and the Jefferson County Health and Human Services received 100.

We can't go without saying how extremely generous everyone was this



Stockings stuffed and ready to be delivered to their destinations.

year. We made requests through Nextdoor and Arvada Neighbors (a Facebook Group). We received enough items to fill all the stockings to the brim and still had cash donations of over \$500.

Because of that generosity, we also were able to work with Maple Grove Grange and the Scarlett O'Hatters Red Hat Club to help fill large bags for the 36 residents of Parkhill Residences.

In order to stuff stockings, we also had small bags to fill with lotions, soaps, and shampoo, fill other quart bags with candy, and finish writing the 212 Christmas cards for the stock-



Merry Whyman helping to serve one of the three families Enterprise Grange helped during the holidays.



Ashley Lackey preparing food items for the holiday care packages.

ings. So on Saturday, November 13, we got together to do the filling of the small bags.

Thankfully one of our neighbors, Nancy Sells, helped again this year with counting all the stocking contents to make sure we had 212 of each item. She then organized the set up area to fill the stockings efficiently on filling day.

Grangers who filled small bags that day were Amy McClure, Pam Campbell, Leonard and Dorothy Dannels, and Mike and Carol Lackey, along with three friends of the Grange, Nancy Sells, Jeremiah Tutor, and Mary Ann.

Stocking stuffing day was November 27. In less than two hours, we had all 212 stockings filled and ready to go to their separate destinations. Merry Whyman, Kathy and Gary Wardle, Dorothy and Leonard Dannels, Mike, Carol, and Ashley Lackey, Amy McClure, Eileen Figliolino, Nancy Sells, and Mary Ann were all there to help stuffing. We can't thank everyone enough for the hard work and many long hours it took to accomplish our mission of community service. It could have never been done without each and everyone getting so involved and being so generous with their time.

The stockings for Jefferson County were delivered to Trinity Lutheran Church for distribution by Leonard, Dorothy, and Paul Dannels. Nancy Sells, Carol, and Ashley Lackey delivered to Olin Residences on December 14. Olin administrators were so thrilled to see us again this year, they gave us a tour of the facility.

They obtained a grant during the last year and were able to refurbish the rooms that had burned on the 5th floor. The whole 5th floor had been shut down for several years. They were also able to upgrade their community room and were very happy about the changes.

We also worked on other community service projects in December. We were notified of three families through the Carin' Clinic that are having an

especially hard time this year and are receiving very few services from traditional social services. We are all pitching in to give each person at least one gift and a huge food basket for each family.

The Irving Street Women's Residence is a residential and support program designed to serve chronically homeless who are disabled or experience mental health issues. The facility houses 25 women in 15 sleeping rooms and there is no maximum length of stay.

The program includes a home-like environment where the women can live without the fear of having to return to the streets within a specific amount of time. The women are empowered to care for themselves by maintaining their living space in a healthy and sanitary manner, as well as participating in food preparation, planning their daily activities, and providing support to one another in the community living environment.

We put together Santa hats of personal items for each of them also. We delivered them just prior to Christmas Day.

It's been a busy fall and holiday season. We've enjoyed the hard work, camaraderie, and especially seeing and feeling the joy on the faces of those that we are helping to brighten their holidays!

Carol Lackey



Pleasant Park Grange Christmas Party's White Elephant fun!

## Maple Grove

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

**January 12 — 1 p.m. Meeting**  
**January 12, Wednesday — 1 p.m. meeting.** (Notice the change of date to the second Wednesday due to many members out of town the first Wednesday.)

Maple Grove Grange met December 1 with a dessert luncheon at 1 p.m. and a short meeting followed by a gift exchange with everyone gathered around the Christmas tree. Instead of gift "stealing," a poem was read by Mary Ann Forman and every time the word "gift" was read the gift you were holding was passed on to the next person. Each person in the end received the gift they were holding. It was the true spirit of Christmas!

Welcome to our new members, Jack and Gayle Baker.

Marlys Halbeisen reported that she had sent off 38,000 Christmas cards to be handed out to the military. She signed many cards and other Granges helped as well. Thanks to everyone who participated by signing cards and getting them to Marlys. It was a huge undertaking!

\$100 was donated to the Foundation of Agriculture organization which provides learning materials for students about agriculture. We will collect items for Mountain Vista Home in February for Valentine's Day rather than at Christmas time. Idella Lewis reported on the Words for Thirds Dictionary project. Dictionaries were given to Peak Academy and Kullerstrand third graders. Thesaurus books were given to fourth grade students as we were not able to give them a dictionary last year. We received some nice thank you notes from Kullerstrand Elementary, complete with illustrations. They are displayed at the Grange hall on the bulletin board. Over 50 pairs of eyeglasses were donated to the Lions Club to be repurposed. The Cub Scouts who have met for many years in our Grange hall have disbanded so we will no longer donate the use of our hall to them for their meetings. We hope everyone has a good year in 2022!

Idella Lewis

## Wheat Ridge

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

**January 8, Saturday — 10 a.m.-2 p.m. — Second Saturday Sale at the Grange, vendors.**

**January 11, Thursday — 6:30-7:30 p.m. — business meeting.**

**January 27, Thursday — 6:30-8 p.m. — Chili cookoff.**

**February 8, Thursday — 6:30-7:30 p.m. — business meeting.**

**February 12, Saturday — 10 a.m.-2 p.m. — Second Saturday Sale at the Grange, vendors.**

November, a pizza party was had before our regular business meeting. That was fun. Only half an hour more than the usual meeting length, so I would suggest Grangers have a social half hour occasionally

December was a time when the City of Wheat Ridge held its tree lighting ceremony. WR Grange #155 had eight members gather to decorate the hall and then by Saturday the Grangers served warm cookies and hot cocoa to the citizens who gathered for the tree ceremony. The Grange hall had a photo booth, games, and singers in



Gale Baughman — Golden Gate 2021 Granger of the Year.



Steve Schaefer of Meyers Hardware — Golden Gate 2021 Citizen of the Year.



Natalie Mozer's Daughters: Sheri, Jill, Lori — Golden Gate 2020 Granger of the Year.

our warm building. Much fun was had by all. 240 cookies served.

The Second Saturday Sale at the Grange, Dec 1, was the last time for seven vendors to sell their Christmas crafts and goodies. We had four new vendors which made the time more exciting and lots of buyers through the doors.

December brings lots of events to our Grange hall but due to Covid variants also some cancellations. The Wheat Ridge chamber will have its Christmas party at the Grange with all invited — silent auction, food, music, good fellowship.

There will be no more Grange activities for the rest of December 2021.

Wheat Ridge Grange will hold its fifth Chili Cook-off on January 27 from 6 to 8 p.m. Those participating need to sign up by January 15, 2022. There will be unlimited tasting. All proceeds go to the "Feed the Future Program" for students. Drinks and dessert are included. To participate email Nancy Breton. nancybreton@comcast.net.

Vivian Vos

## Pleasant Park

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

**January 8 — Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed with potluck.**

**February 12 — Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed with potluck.**

**March 12 — Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed with potluck.**

- It is a quiet time around our Grange since the bicycle rest stop is shut down for the season.

- We had a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner after the November meeting. It was a wonderful time for



Gerrit Verschuur — Golden Gate 2020 Citizen of the Year.

fellowship and there are a lot of great cooks in our Grange.

- The Christmas Party after the December meeting was a lot of fun and we exchanged White Elephant gifts. There was lots of laughter as gifts got "stolen."
- We donated \$450 worth of gift cards to the Mountain Resource Center for their Christmas Party. They were given to less fortunate families in the area.
- We made a donation to Bootstraps which is the local scholarship fund for the Conifer and Evergreen area.
- We are working on recruiting new members. There are several new families in the neighborhood who have shown interest.
- We feel blessed that none of our members have contacted COVID. We will continue to use safe measures at all our meetings.

Yvonne Ludwig

## Golden Gate

Contact Terri Costeldia, President, 303-277-0351, terricosteldi@hotmail.com, for further information.

Our annual Rummage Sale was a great success thanks to the hard work and organizational skills of DeeDee Ramstetter and her many helpers. We made a record amount again this year. We are planning to continue holding this event in August rather than in the Spring.

In September we honored our 2020 (Continued on Page 8)

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

**Animas Valley**

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The Animas Valley Grange usually turns inward from November to January, and we have done that again this year. Most of our recent activity has been among Grange members, although we have continued to host COVID-19 vaccination events put on by our local health department. Our program committee began putting together next year's programs by hosting a post-Thanksgiving "Dessert for your Ideas" evening to draw more members into visioning for next year and provide an opportunity to socialize. That event provided some wonderful new ideas, including starting a fiber arts group that will meet regularly at the Grange starting next year. Our December business meeting included a cookie exchange and delivery of plates of cookies to our more home-bound members. Members attending our January meeting will bring a quart of homemade soup for delivery to members unable to get out and about. Our Grange will also participate in the second round of the Farm to Food Assistance project and is planning for monthly deliveries of locally grown and purchased foods to households in need beginning early next year.

Deborah Paulson

**Mt. Allison**

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**IN MEMORIAM**

**Emma Shock**

Emma Shock was born November 28, 1925, in Tiffany, CO to John Carlson and Anna (Liese) Carlson. She entered the gates of heaven on October 18, 2021. In 1946, she married Lawrence Shock and they started farming in Allison. Soon they added three daughters: Darlene, Jeannie and Sherry to their family. The marriage lasted 61 years until Lawrence passed in 2007.

She attended schools in Ignacio and graduated from Ignacio High School. Playing basketball and academics kept her busy in high school. After graduation she taught school in the Tiffany area when there was a shortage of teachers, even though she was younger than some of her students. She was a success and found her love of teaching at an early age.

In 1956 Emma was named Homemaker of the year for Southwestern Colorado and was honored in Pueblo. She started at Allison school as the cook and when the school was closed, she transferred to the Ignacio schools.



Marvel Junior Grangers decorating the Christmas tree.

While still working she began taking college courses and in 1977 went full time to Fort Lewis College, where she graduated with a teaching degree and began teaching in the Ignacio schools. Upon retiring from teaching she tutored for the Southern Ute Tribe and was on the board for SUCAP. She made many friends among her fellow teachers and she always held her students in a special place.

Emma was a member of the Mt. Allison Grange for over 70 years. She added 4-H to her involvement becoming a local leader, a member of the state leaders group, fair superintendent, and traveled to many national meetings. She enjoyed almost 70 years of 4-H involvement. She chaperoned many 4-H trips throughout the United States where she met many leaders whom she held as friends throughout her life.

Emma was very involved in the church activities, and was always willing to give her time to others that needed help. She was always a friend that wanted to be there for others in need or to celebrate their wins. You could find Granny at ball games, concerts, plays, and activities with her grandchildren.

She loved life and was always ready to visit neighbors, lend an ear, or bake a meal. She will be missed by all of us.

Larry Corman

**Marvel**

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January 7 — Business meeting 7:30 p.m. Program: Cindy Greer.

January 15 — Chili cook-off/dessert auction.

January 29 — Community Breakfast.

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

Program: Tom Campion.

February 5 — Marvel Methodist Church Ground Hog Supper.

The NORWEX program we had was very educational and informational. Thank you, Gretchen Greer.

December 17 we had Bente, a German exchange student, talk about Germany after a potluck supper. Participants were challenged to bring a German dish. We also had a supply shower for the Grange Hall. Thank you to everyone who participated. Items that we use on a regular basis were suggested — toilet paper, paper towels, paper plates, plastic cups, hot beverage cups (disposable), light bulbs, cleaning supplies, etc.

December 31 we had a New Year's Eve party with a *Toy Story* theme. The evening started with a baked potato bar. Everyone brought toppings or a snack to share. After the meal table games were enjoyed by everyone until the New Year arrived.

You're invited to our Chili/Soup



Bente, a German Exchange student, talked about Germany after Marvel's December 17 potluck.

cook-off and dessert auction on January 15. There will be a \$10 entry fee for each entry. Desserts are welcome as we will auction them off and help needy families in the area with electric bills.

Line dancing started up again in December. It will be held on Mondays from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Grange Hall. Participants are asked to donate towards the utilities for the building.

Thanks to Sandy Valencia for providing the program at our December meeting. We all know a little more about Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome.

Cindy Greer

**Marvel JG**

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Marvel Junior Grangers met twice in November because we missed October. The first meeting in November we worked on watercolors, and learned more about Grange officers. The second meeting in November we worked on Nature Crafts, played games, and worked on the Junior Grange Pledge. In December we made holiday crafts, and played games.

Congratulations to Henry Greer (5) who placed second at National with his seed picture. He received a certificate and \$75. Marvel Junior Grange also placed third in Community Service at National. Our kids are getting older and we know that two will age out this coming year. We're looking for more members to join us.

We have been meeting one Monday afternoon a month. Our school district has at least one Monday a month off from school, so we try to meet then.

Cindy Greer



Marvel Junior Granger Henry Greer placed second at National with his seed picture.

**Ute Mountain**

Dolores and Montezuma Counties

**Mount Lookout**

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Every Monday — Mancos Food-Share Distribution.

Board Meetings — 4th Tuesdays. Holiday Greetings from Southwest Colorado!

• **Golden Gate**

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and 2021 Members and Citizens of the Year. Our 2020 Member of the Year was Natalie Mozer, who passed away last year. Although Natalie knew she had been given this award, it was bittersweet to have her ceremony without her presence. Her three daughters attended and received Natalie's award.

Our 2020 Citizen of the Year was Gerrit Verschuur, who served the community for 30 years as a volunteer firefighter and first responder. Gale Baughman, a legacy member of the Golden Gate Grange, who has been involved in the Grange her whole life, has acted as Grange secretary and treasurer and always helps at events, was named 2021 Granger of the Year. Steve Schaefer of Meyers Hardware in Golden has spent his adult life as a local business man with a strong and generous community spirit toward the town and our Grange. Steve, who retired and closed the family business this September, was our 2021 Citizen of the Year.

We also honored our long-time members. See the photo below. This is an amazing group of Grangers who have served as Grange officers and have donated to our Grange with their time, services, and financially over many years of membership. We applaud and thank them for their tremendous support!

We celebrated Halloween with the Trunk or Treat event. Volunteers brought their car or truck to the Grange and children went from trunk to trunk to receive Halloween Treats. We had about 60 children and 19 "Trunkers" participate this year! Thanks to Jessica Wotring for coor-

dinating the event, and Janet and Dave Primmer for helping to set up the wonderful decorations that Roger Potzak lends us every year.

Our Holiday Craft Fair was better than ever with 24 crafters. Of this number 14 were Golden Gate Grange Members! Sign ups are in August. Table reservations fill up quickly, so let us know if you would like to have a table for your craft in 2022. Email [dmcurl@bellsouth.net](mailto:dmcurl@bellsouth.net) for information and a registration form.

Our new shipping container has arrived and the cement pad has been laid. This will help us organize materials and furniture in a much more secure and efficient way. Thanks to all of our wonderful members who donated the fund to accomplish this goal. Thanks to Terri, Bobby, and Brock Costeldia; Rich Phillips, and Dave Primmer for work on the cement pad.

We have one new member, Barbara Bliss!

Yoga classes continue to be held on Wednesdays at 3 p.m. We held them virtually during the holidays and will send out an email about future plans in early January. Judy Madison has been leading the virtual and in-person classes. We are lucky to have our second yoga teacher, Susan Vincent, who has stepped in to hold the class when Judy has been out of town. Thanks, Judy and Susan!

Line Dancing Class, a private event which all are invited to join, is held on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month from 7-9 p.m.

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From left to right: Richard (Dick) Ramstetter and Richard (Butch) Ramstetter — 65 years; Elle and Rich Phillips and Merle Sachse — 40 years; Gary Baughman — 50 years; Teresa Lynch — 25 years. Not pictured: Barbara Bankovich, Bob and Elaine Jones — 40 years; Neal Lynch — 25 years.



The Bat Family at the Golden Gate Trunk or Treat Halloween Event.

With the high number of unvaccinated individuals in our community, the Mt. Lookout Grange board has decided to discontinue use of our hall in order to avoid any super spreader events. This was a hard decision for the group to make, as the community is especially missing second Sunday community dinners and holiday events. The pantry and kitchen are still being utilized by Mancos FoodShare staff, with food distributions outside on Mon-

days. Our board plans to meet for a retreat in January to brainstorm on potential future Grange programming, and re-energizing the membership. At this time, it seems unlikely that communities will be met with good news about the pandemic in the new year, but we will remain flexible and hopeful.

Our community wishes all of you a healthy and joyful holiday season and new year.

Katheryn Fulton