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Celebrate Grange Month

April is Grange Month! The Grange has evolved from celebrating Grange week to celebrating Grange Month, which happens to be the month of April.

How will your Grange celebrate Grange Month? You might:

- **C – Create** your own Grange month poster. Make it so that non-members will look at it, and try to get the poster up in prominent places in your community.
- **E – Enlist** the help of local experts to hold a series of classes from which your community would benefit.
- **L – Share** history of your **Local** Grange sometime during the month.
- **E – Sponsor** an **Event** that raises funds for a charity of your choice (Jump Rope For Heart, Mandy Project, etc.).
- **B – Sponsor** a Grange **Banquet** and invite potential members.
- **R – Recognize** an Outstanding Community Citizen, Granger, Police-man, Fire Department worker or volunteer.
- **A – Hold** a special **Activity** during Grange month.
- **T – Thank** members and non-members for their help with activities.
- **E – Encourage** people to join. The most important thing is to let others know that your Grange is alive!

Watch for additional information as we get closer to April.

Colorado Farm Bureau To Host First Legislative, Leadership Summit

Article from the Colorado Farm Bureau Newsletter

Colorado Farm Bureau is hosting its first Legislative and Leadership Summit, March 15-16, 2016, at the state office at 9177 E. Mineral Circle, Centennial, CO 80112. The summit's goal is to build leadership skills of persons and spokespersons (advocates) for agriculture and rural values with local, state, and federal officials, schools and the non-farming public.

There will be a general session to start the meeting, followed by three break-out sessions and a dinner at Maggiano's. Guest speakers include Dairy Carrie, Greg Walcher, Bette Blinde, Lindsay Calvert and Randy

Dwyer with AFBF.

Following the morning session on March 16, the summit will adjourn and everyone will be encouraged to head over to the State Capital for National Ag Day. This event is a celebration of Colorado agriculture with a "taste of Colorado ag chef competition" featuring legislators, ag organizations and the Colorado Chef's Association. You can sample some great dishes including the beef dish from Colorado Farm Bureau's culinary team of EVP Chad Vorthmann, Ag Commissioner Don Brown and Chef Jason Morse.

Register with Tyler Meehan at 303-749-7503 or tyler@coloradofb.org.

History Of The Grange, Continued

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Several months ago I was writing in the *Granger* about the early days of National Grange and how it helped to completely change the course of rural America. Farmers tended to farm the same way as it had been done in the generations before. The Founders of the Grange had the width and breadth of experience and the foresight to want to help farmers actively progress in the art of agriculture. I'd like to give you a few more details about some of that information

The Father of Grange, as he was often called by many, Oliver H. Kelley, had been a progressive farmer in Minnesota. But farming in Minnesota in the winter was another story so he went to Washington, D.C., in the winter to work in the Agriculture Department. Isaac Newton was Agriculture Commissioner and that is who Mr. Kelley worked for. Right after the Civil War he was sent to the south to see what damage had been done to farms and agriculture there. As a northerner and a Yankee Mr. Kelley was not sure how he would be received. He, however, was a Mason and found many Masons in the south he could talk with and was introduced to their neighbors. He was able to get a good assessment of what was happening to the farmers. There was a lot of destruction from the war and spirits were low. The crops they were able to produce could not be transported because of the exorbitant fees charged by the railroads which had become a monopoly and were exploiting the farmers and others.

In returning to Washington, D.C., Mr. Kelley pondered on the problems and felt that one way for farmers to help themselves would be if they would unite and become strong enough to approach congress not only with their problems but with solutions. He conceived the idea of an agricultural organization that would be a fraternity so that the farmers from the north and south could and would work on their problems as brothers. He kept in touch with friends in Washington, D.C., some of whom were Masons, some businessmen, some were ministers and one was an outstanding hor-

2016 National Junior Grange Health And Community Service Project Jump-A-Thon For Healthy Hearts

This is a dual-purpose program. The first is to promote heart healthy lives in our Junior Grangers and Leaders. The second is to provide community service by helping to raise funds to donate to your local chapter of the American Heart Association for Jump Rope for Heart Program.

During Grange Month, in April 2016, encourage your Junior Grangers to hold a Jump-A-Thon.

Category I:

Individual Jump-ropers

- Ask for sponsors to make a donation for each jump completed during the event.

Category II:

Team Jump-roping

- Create teams to develop routines
- Double-Dutch
- Single rope
- Ask for sponsors to make a donation for each jump completed or routine completed.

Category III:

Tournament Jump-Off

- Create a bracketed tournament Jump-Off for different age groups. Adults can participate too!!

Activities:

- The American Heart Association website has resources to teach heart-healthy concepts to the participants so they understand the benefits of jumping rope and being active. Use some of these during your Junior Grange meetings.
- Have Junior Grangers set weekly goals to improve their skills.
- Measure time spent on practice before the event.



fore the event.

- Encourage each other to meet goals (including leaders!!!).
- Invite competitive jump rope teams to demonstrate skills and do a workshop with the Junior Grangers.

Community Service:

- Have the Junior Grangers and leaders keep track of the time they spend on practice between now and your event.
- On the day of the event, have the children and leaders sign in and then total their practice time plus the time they are at the event.
- Send the total number of hours and photos of the event to the National Junior Director, Lillian Booth, at junior@nationalgrange.org.
- Report the total amount of funds donated to the American Heart As-

sociation to the National Junior Director at junior@nationalgrange.org.

Publicity and Funds Raised:

- Please donate any funds collected directly to your local American Heart Association Chapter.
- Invite representatives from the AHA to attend your event.
- Invite the local press to cover your event.

Leader Suggestions:

- Work with the Junior Grangers to understand and choose nutritional snacks and develop healthy habits during the year.
- Have nutritional snacks available during the event
- Set an example by sharing your own goals with the Junior Grangers.

This event can be as large or small as you would like. Any Subordinate/Community Grange with a Junior Grange or a Junior I+ member can participate. In your State — you can choose one day and make it a State-wide event or do it in conjunction with a Junior Jamboree. The schedules are flexible to fit within your current programs this year. This is a team effort by National Grange Staff. The National Grange Lecturer, Community Service Director, Membership Director and Communications Director are all involved with promoting this project.

Great Plains Regional Leadership Conference

June 17-19, 2016, the Great Plains Regional Leadership Conference will be held at the Crown Plaza Tulsa Southern Hills in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Registration forms are due April 15. The cost for the conference is \$55 per person. Ten-years-old and under are \$25. The room rates are \$96 per night plus tax with four breakfasts per room. The conference includes work-

shops for all ages. Youth, Lecturers, Membership and Junior Grange are included in the conference, but everyone can learn something. The Speech and Sign-a-Song contests along with Parliamentary procedure contest and Jeopardy are included. Registration form is available on the Colorado State Grange website as well as through your Grange Secretary.

Message From Conference Host

2016 Great Plains Regional Conference

Greetings to all fellow Grangers from Oklahoma State Grange Master/President Billy Shufeldt. I wanted to take this time to invite you all to the Great Plains Regional Conference hosted by the Oklahoma State Grange this year. The event will be held on June 17-19 in Tulsa, Oklahoma, at the Crown Plaza Tulsa – Southern Hills Hotel, located at 7902 S. Lewis Ave., Tulsa, OK 74136.

Registration fee is \$55 per person, 10-years-old and under \$25. Please send a registration form in for each person, and please send them in by April 15.

For reservations call toll free 1-

877-834-3616. Rooms are \$96 per night plus tax with four free breakfasts per room. May 29 is the last day you are guaranteed a room when registering.

For those of you needing a registration form go to www.okgrange.org and click the Great Plains Regional Conference form button. (See sample form on Page 4.) All registration forms and fees need to be sent to me, Billy Shufeldt, RR. 1 Box 342-14, South Coffeyville, OK 74072. For any questions, you can contact me at 918-842-0242 or email me at bshufel.dt.okgrange@gmail.com.

Fraternally,
Billy Shufeldt,
Oklahoma State Grange

Important Dates

The following are dates of STATE AND POMONA activities that we have received in the State Office. If there are others, please let us know so we can add them to the list.

GENERAL ACTIVITIES

April is Grange Month

June 17-19 Great Plains Regional Leadership Conference
Tulsa, Oklahoma

July 22-24 Colorado State Grange Family Camp
Hermit Basin, Colorado

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Master's Message

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How are you doing with your goals? By now Masters have received two Masters' newsletters! The National Master is also sending out a monthly newsletter to State Masters.

One of the questions asked of us at the National convention was whether our State Grange had a mission statement. I'm happy to report that we do.

The MISSION of Colorado Grangers is to improve the quality of life in America's families and communities. The Grange believes that individuals can achieve happiness, satisfaction and prosperity through unity of

action, service to others and fellowship.

The Goals of Colorado Grangers are:

- To provide representation for its members on agriculture and rural/urban issues.
- To provide an environment which strengthens all families.
- To provide, encourage and support grassroots community and organizational leadership.
- To provide and/or assist in the creation of economic services.
- To strengthen the image of the Grange by increasing participation, growth and influence.

It is unknown exactly when this mission was developed but I'm guessing it was over 10 years ago and they seem relevant to today. The executive committee will be looking at this statement and goals and may make some adjustments. It is interesting that this also included a pledge which states: "As a dedicated Grange member, I will do something today to help achieve the goals of the Grange." So what will you do today?

I attended the Masters conference in Orlando in February and the GIA meeting in Seattle. I'll share information received at those events in the next Granger.

Have you heard about the **Veterinary Feed Directive** that goes into effect in 2017? This directive will impact nearly everyone in the livestock industry. The Food and Drug Administration implemented the Veterinary Feed Directive, or VFD, which will require farmers to get prescriptions on most antibiotics that they would normally get over the counter for their livestock feed. Jan. 1, 2017, every livestock producer who uses an antibiotic that is considered important to human health, such as penicillin or sulfa, will have to comply. The regulation covers antimicrobial drugs administered via feed or water, but not via injection. It also will hit every retailer that sells these products and every veterinarian. For all it means that you will have to have a stronger relationship with your veterinarian. It will create issues in communities where there is a shortage of veterinarians. There are a lot of unanswered questions behind this directive, which will have to be worked out. If you would like additional information I have a "Fact sheet on the VFD" from the Food and Drug Administration, which I would be happy to send as well as a copy of an article in the *Fence Post*.

We are sad to report that Bryon and Karen Baron have moved out of state due to work, which resulted in Karen resigning as Family and Women's Activity Director as well as the other positions she held. Idella Lewis of Maple Grove has agreed to step in the fill the Family and Women's Activity Co-director position along with Karen Baxter.

We've visited two Granges so far, Golden Gate and Mt. Allison. I could probably count Animas Valley as we did a presentation there in November, and I've been to Marvel's meetings and La Plata Pomona meetings, but when you are a member, I'm not sure it really counts toward my goal of 15. So don't be surprised if I call and ask if you're still having a meeting when I'm in your area. I look forward to seeing you in the near future.

Notes From The Secretary

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A Positive Point Of View

I smell spring in the air and if you are like me you are looking forward to it. I love the winter ... but spring always brings new beginnings, fresh air, birds, critters and warm sunshine. Many of my favorite things.

The office is running smoothly and I have found a routine. I appreciate your promptness with getting your quarterly reports and newspaper articles to the office. You really help me get this job done. Thank you.

The Executive Committee, the Master, the Overseer, Treasurer and myself had our first computer meeting using Zoom. That was a great

success. A few things need refining, but it sure is a good way to meet without driving and incurring travel expenses.

I am sure we will do it again.

So... a positive thought:

Positive thinking is like exercising a muscle. Only it gives you a mental workout. The more you use it, the better you will be at it. It's not possible to think positive all of the time, but you want the majority of your thoughts to reflect good and happy things.

Remember: "Ideas are funny little things. They don't work unless you do." — anonymous

Mandy Project Recipients



Hannah Martin Edmonson

Hannah Martin Edmonson is the 10-year-old daughter of April Martin Edmonson. She attends Powderhorn Elementary. The family lives in Littleton and she has two older brothers. Hannah loves to sing, gymnastics, hanging out with her friends and competes with her older brothers. She was recently diagnosed with progressive hearing loss in both ears (high frequency). Mom's insurance will not cover anything. Her mother will do anything in her power to give her daughter the one thing so many take for granted, the ability to hear; this includes asking for help. She states she is not able to afford her hearing aids on her own.

The audiologist states that she has a mild to moderate sensorineural hearing loss bilaterally and that the hearing loss may be progressive in nature. This hearing loss can have a significant impact on her speech/language and psycho/social development as well as academic achievement. The use of hearing aids will improve Hannah's communication ability, quality of life and learning potential. The cost of the hearing aids is \$2,500 per aid and they need two, plus an additional \$700-\$800 for dispensing fees, evaluations, adjustments, and insurance.

Hannah will be awarded \$1,000 from the Colorado State Grange Mandy Project. Donations to the Mandy Project may be sent to the State Grange office or to PICK.

Ms. Greer,

From the bottom of my heart I cannot thank you and your team enough for helping me provide for my little girl. You all have blessed us more than you can ever know. The money is great, but I tell you if you could have been there to see my Hannah's face light up when I told her that you all have decided to help her get her hearing aids, that's what made breaking my ego and asking for help all worth it.

Thank you for all you do,
April



Kally Welch

Kally Welch is 6-years-old, lives in Arvada with her mother, attends first grade at East Elementary School and is in need of hearing aids. Kally was diagnosed last year with bilateral hearing loss at school, then at an audiologist's office in Littleton and then at Children's Hospital in Highlands Ranch. She was given a pair of "loaner" hearing aids and acclimated very quickly to wearing and caring for them. Within in a matter of days her teachers, their neighbors and friends all noticed great improvement in her listening and speech skills an eventually it reflected in improved reading. Mom is thrilled with her progress and grateful for the technology available today to assist her daughter with her hearing.

Kally's father and mother divorced over a year ago. She lives with mom except for her bi-weekly weekend visits with dad. Dad has been ordered to pay child support; however, he doesn't earn a lot and regular payments cannot be depended upon for financial stability. Mom makes \$44k annually which has suffered greatly lately due to time missed from work because of personal illness, doctor visits and medical expenses related to both herself and Kally. Mom is currently undergoing treatment for severe Endometriosis. Mom also suffers from hearing loss which is going untreated at this point in time because of finances.

They have no extended family in Colorado. Grandparents live in Florida. The hearing aids recommended by Kally's audiologist cost approximately \$3,900. Her insurance will leave her responsible for \$2,000.

Mom's goal is to make sure that her daughter has the best care possible that will enable her to succeed in life without struggling to do so. There are so many resources in place today for sensory losses and she is grateful that organizations such as ours exist to assist parents of children with hearing loss. She hopes to tackle her future proactively while doing all she can to ensure she has the tools needed to succeed in life. Colorado State Grange gave this family \$500.

Claudia's Corner



by Claudia the Skunk from the National Grange Herd

Some people love the Grange Ritual and some don't. In 2013 the National Grange published a new *Grange Manual*, which includes some alternatives for Opening and Closing the Grange, a Welcoming ceremony and an alternative Installation ceremony. The manual still includes the traditional opening and closing, order of business, ritual for the degrees (degree work and the full degrees), official obligation ceremony, detailed instructions on degree work, suggestions to Granges, helpful facts to be remembered, installation ceremony and suggestions. There is a service for home or funeral home, memorial service, charter draping ceremony, receiving distinguished guests and diagrams. There are 178 pages in the new manual.

If you want a copy you can order them from the National Grange Sales department for \$10 each plus shipping.

The alternatives give Granges options as to which ceremony to use. The language in these versions has been updated somewhat and shortened.

If there is a ceremony you haven't done in a while the manual is your source for instructions. You could also contact your local deputy for assistance.

Something that happened recently indicates that Grangers are asking others to join the Grange, which is great, but may not be sharing information about the ritual with potential members. It's important that potential member know if your Grange utilizes the ritual and that the State Grange does utilize the ritual. If a potential member is uninformed they may be surprised by the ritual and turned off. The ritual for most of us is the procedure we use to conduct business and stay on track with our discussions. We have all experienced things that turn us off in other organizations and even in our churches until we understand the meaning behind the practice. We must help new members understand our terminology and why we do things the way we do. I know very few groups that meet around the table without any parliamentary procedure that actually accomplish what they set out to do in a timely manner.

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Would you like to bring home the Lombardi Trophy to your Grange? Well, you can't!

But you can bring home the Colorado State Star Achievement Grange award! It is, in fact, not difficult to accomplish this feat.

Here is an easy-peasy pattern. Just do one of the suggested items in each category or invent a similar activity in each category; do it; write it up; send it in; and collect the trophy.

Here's the list. Ready - set - GO!

PURPLE STAR (Publicity): news releases, Facebook, Grange Web page, posters, newsletter, brochures and calendar.

BLUE STAR (Outside Entertainment): dinner at a restaurant, concert, field trip, sporting event, fair, theater.

GREEN STAR (Membership): open

house, sign in book and follow up emails, coffees, one on one get togethers, membership meeting, mailings.

RED STAR (Community Activity): chili cook-off, vegetable growing contest, dinner, bake sale, one act play presentation.

SILVER STAR (Cooperation With Another Community Group): Boy Scouts, food bank, 5K, contributions, health fair.

ORANGE STAR (Family): fun fair, bowling day, talent show, Junior Grange, ice cream social.

GOLD STAR (Educational Activity): candidate forum, bee keeping workshop, essential oils workshop, issues forum, history presentation.

Okay, plan, present, report, and bring home the trophy. I am looking forward to your results.



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by **Karen Baron**

As some of you know, I have had to resign my positions with the Colorado State Grange as Brian and I have relocated to North Platte, Nebraska, with his career with Union Pacific Railroad.

I would like to thank Karen Baxter for being my co-director these past years. Her help has been invaluable. I would also like to thank Idella Lewis for taking over as co-director for the rest



of the year. I wish you all success in the coming year with the contests. Some of the categories have changed so please read the handbook. I will miss everyone very much and look forward to hearing all about your successes.

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Featured is a young Granger, Flynn Simons born with CDH. This article is written by his mother, Beth Simons.

Our son Flynn was born with a deadly and rare birth defect called Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia (CDH). This birth defect only has a 50% survival rate. CDH is a hole in the diaphragm which allows the organs that belong in your stomach cavity to move into your chest cavity, restricting lung and heart growth. Doctors discovered his condition at our 20 week ultrasound. Once we found out, we were sent to Children's Hospital in Denver, where I underwent many more tests and met with doctors to find out what Flynn's odds were.

Flynn had a "mild" case and only had intestine and part of his stomach in his chest. His chances went from 50% to 90%, but we were cautioned

not to get too optimistic because each baby is different and some with good chances can pass away, and some with only 5% can survive. We were told that they would know how he was really going to do after he was born. They also told us that his hospital stay was going to be at least eight weeks. Also that most likely he would go home with a feeding tube.

Flynn was born in May 2014, and immediately put on a ventilator, many medications for pain relief and a feeding tube. By three days old the ventilator settings were low enough that he could have been taken off, but because he would need to be on it for his surgery they didn't take him off. By four days old he had his repair surgery and they were able to fix his hole without having to put a Gortex (plastic) patch in. At six days old we got to hold him



Flynn Simons

for the first time. The very next day he was taken off the ventilator and was breathing on his own and was recovering faster than even the doctors expected. The end of week two they removed his feeding tube as he had figured out how to feed orally and was off all of his medications. The beginning of June at only three-weeks-old we were able to bring him home. He was on oxygen for a week at home, and has only had to go back on oxygen twice for a few short days.

Today Flynn is thriving, he is almost two and we do physical therapy once a week as he is slightly developmentally delayed. He is the size of an average 12-month-old, but has the attitude of a two-year-old. We have been very blessed to have him. We do have to watch him when he gets sick as a cold could turn to RSV or Pneumonia and is life threatening to him. So far we have been able to keep him mostly healthy. He is taking Juice Plus (and I was taking it when I found out about his condition) and I know without a doubt that it has made all the difference in the world for him. We did have an RSV scare this past October and I know if he had not been taking Juice Plus (fruits and vegetables in a capsule or soft chewable) it would have taken a very different outcome.

We are very proud of how strong our CDH survivor is doing. He continues to amaze us and the doctors each and every day.



Chaplain's Corner

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It's that time of year ... you know, the time when we may become weary of cold, of short days, of wearing heavy clothing or several layers, of MUD. Weariness from the season should pass as we move into spring, with its buds, sunshine and green freshness. However, how about the weariness we sometimes feel just with life in general? Or weariness from trying to be the person someone thinks I should be (or I think I should be)?

In Matthew 11, Jesus spoke to some who were weary because of Rome's cruel domination, but even more because of their religion's expectations. They would try 24/7 and never do enough to comply with all the regulations their leaders (Pharisees) had placed upon them. They were weary from trying to be good enough to satisfy God, as they understood that.

Enter the rebel Jesus! He invited, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." (*The Holy Bible, New International Version*)

We are no longer just a farm organization, but perhaps you know what a yoke is. It is a heavy wooden contraption used by many before mechanization. It was put upon two oxen, horses or mules to enable them to pull a plow, a wagon, etc. It was a *burden*, but it was made easier for each animal because there was another help-

ing to pull/push. I understand most farmers would try to match their animals quite closely so the burden was equally shared. When Jesus tells us to take His yoke, I picture Him being like a Clydesdale, while I'm just a Shetland; I don't think His yoke even touches my shoulders!

If I walk alongside Jesus, trusting Him for my salvation and provision, He bears the entire burden — and even provides me shade! I can tell Him my weariness or frustration and be reminded of all I have to be grateful for instead. I can realize I don't have to be a perfect person because when I was "yet a sinner," He came to live, die and be alive again for me. I pray you are able to see multiple reasons to be thankful (mud perhaps means a greener lawn or garden!) and that you will take Jesus up on His invitation.

COLORADO STATE GRANGE MEMORIALS

Since the last Grange paper contributions have been made to the Memorial Fund of the Leadership/Scholarship Fund in memory of the Grange members or friends listed below:

Holly Heap Victory Grange
Lillian Davis Florida Grange

(Donations should be made payable to CSG Memorial Fund. Mail to Colorado State Grange, 2009 CR 31, Florissant, CO 80816, with the following information: name and Grange affiliation of deceased, name of person or group making donation, and name and address of person who should receive the memorial card.)

Real Estate Management

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How can Granges better navigate property maintenance and repair issues? Eventually, all properties will require repairs and various items will need replacing or upgrading.

Obviously, being financially prepared for routine and larger maintenance needs or even freak natural disasters starts with capital reserves. Insurance is a must, but Granges still frequently find they need some funds for deductibles or damages not covered. Quite often, Granges who don't have an emergency fund see the idea of having to save up money as some sort of punishment — after all money put into a savings account is money that can't be used to operate, right?

Actually, it is quite the opposite. Having an emergency fund means you do have room to breathe. You do not have to panic if you suddenly have to replace a water heater.

Another problem I hear about emergency funds is the temptation Granges have to spend that money on things that are not real emergencies. They

see they have built up several hundred dollars in savings and they start thinking "we could purchase those new chairs we would like."

As another option which is not meant to replace your emergency fund is there are vast resources available in the form of grants and aid for both improving or repairing properties. This can range from local government funds for revitalizing an area, historical properties upgrades, and federal funds help in the case of major natural disasters.

Perhaps most effective and important of all, is to have great property management. We should shop for access to discounts on services from the most reputable contractors, but ensure work is done right the first time. After all, it is in the best interest of your Grange to make sure there are no repeat problems.

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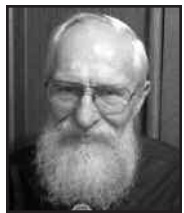
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Membership

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First, a correction and apology: In my last article, I wrote about Dominick Breton, still a great Granger. I said he was from Westminster, but he is actually a member of Wheat Ridge. I regret any confusion my error caused.

I want to highlight a membership recruitment program from National Grange. Joseph B. Stefanoni, National Grange Membership/Leadership Development Director, writes:

"The program is very simple; we are looking to recognize members who put forth the effort to bring in new members to our organization, whether it is 1 or 100. This program will begin on January 1, 2016, and end on June 30, 2016. The count is based on who signs the first recommendation line on a new member's application.

Members who recruit new members will be recognized for their efforts at the 150th Annual Session of the National Grange. Members who recruit 1-4 new members will be recognized as a "+1 Builder." Members that recruit 5-9 new members will be recognized as a "Grange Builder" and members that recruit 10 or more new members will be recognized as a "Super Recruiter."

Subordinate secretaries, you already keep track of new members. Please also track who has recruited each member (January through June this year). Each Grange will be asked to report their recruiters by name, along with the number of new members for each recruiter at the end of June.

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Tune In To Junior Grange

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The Colorado State Junior Grange now has its very own Facebook page that you can like and follow, www.facebook.com/Colorado-State-Junior-Grange. We plan on having helpful hints and collecting lots of feedback from across the state for what activities we would like to do.

This year we are planning on having Grange Sleep-ins in the southwestern part of the state as well as the northeastern part of the state. These are going to be a great retreat for any junior or potential junior to come and have some fun while having the chance to earn at least one badge during the sleep-in. This fun-filled weekend will include some crafts, a tour of a neat and fascinating place nearby, some fun games, meals, movie, snacks, and we will stay the night in a Grange hall. We are wanting the cost to be very minimal so that everyone can come and enjoy it, with that being said we are going to need YOUR help. First off we need to find a Grange willing to donate the use of their hall for a weekend, a Grange that would be willing to donate or make a kid friendly meal or two, and lastly volunteers who would be willing to help us with all the fun and chicken herding, oh wait, we meant kid wrangling! Our first Grange sleep-in is going to be in the Durango area on April 8-9 at the Marvel Grange Hall.

Since our theme for this year is Grow the Jr. Grange we need to think



about what we can do as Grangers to help the Juniors "Grow" this year. One way is to welcome change into your Grange meetings. Maybe this means that you change the date of your meeting so that parents of younger children can still attend if their kids are in school. I know it's hard to change but if we welcome the parents into the Grange then they are more likely to allow their kids to join the Junior Grange. Brainstorm with your Grange, then share your ideas on our Facebook page so others can see your ideas.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates. If your Grange would like to help out with a "Sleep-In" please email us at djbngrer@live.com or you can call us at 970-588-3844. We can't wait to hear from you.

We are looking forward to a great year of "Growth" in the Colorado State Junior Grange, but we can't do it without your help.

Publicity

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So your Grange is hosting some event and needs to get the word out. One of the best ways to get the word out is through a press release. It doesn't have to be long-winded but it should simply cover the basics.

1. Start with a title that reflects the event and will catch the readers' eyes.
2. The press release body should include the following:
 - a. Location of the event
 - b. Date and time of event
 - c. Cost of the event
 - d. Food included?
 - e. Entertainment?
 - f. Games?
 - g. Purpose of event (fundraising, etc.)

Rather than mailing these press releases to the various local newspapers, I have gone online to find email addresses for the "local briefs" editor. This has worked very well for me and allows the newspaper to take my digital copy and include it in their papers.

And, to supplement your press releases, be sure to create an event on your Facebook page. This gets the word out even better plus it gets you a chance to invite your Facebook friends to the event. Some of your Facebook friends will even share the event to their friends which gets the word out even better.

Step 1: Press Release Writing 101

Scott's Marketplace's director of content marketing, Shannon Willoby, says that press release headlines must be simple, clear, and to the point — but don't be afraid to get a little creative with them. After all, headlines are supposed to entice you to read the release, not bore or confuse you.

As a general rule when it comes to press releases: Keep it simple, identify the main points, and keep the body of your release under a page long.

You're also going to need a hook. What makes your event special? Is it something dramatic, like a grand reopening after being forced to relocate? Or are you encouraging local shopping by holding a cash mob? However run-of-the-mill you may think your event is, find the angle that appeals to the greatest amount of people, and base your press release around that.

Include your, or your marketing person's, contact information, including both an email address and phone number. Spell out the details very clearly because when you make reporters search for information, they get frustrated, and your release gets trashed.

Make sure it's newsworthy. It's not a good idea to blast the media every time you throw an event. Reporters will label you as a wolf-crying business owner, and give you no attention at all. So only reach out to them when you have something that is truly worthy of attention.

Sample Press Release (See below)

Use this as a sample press release

and customize it with your information (while maintaining the original format) to keep it looking professional.

Once the release is complete, upload it to a news-wire service to make it available to news sources. You will also get a custom URL to link back to your release from your blog and email outreach. There are countless wire services to choose from, and you can find free and for-pay options. Here are a few of our favorites: here, here, and here.

Step 2: Create a Media List

When your press release is complete, the next step is preparing a list of people to reach out to with the information. This means researching all of the news outlets in your area, including blog and news sites, and making a contact list. This will make promoting events easier in the future as well. First, search out all of the smaller, community-focused news services, which will most likely be found online. Locally based websites and papers are more likely to give editorial preference to smaller events and businesses.

Second, begin researching the larger news outlets in your area and focus your search on stories within your specific city, small business trends, or a topic similar to the event you're holding. Generally, reporters will cover the same "beat" or type of news all the time. This means if a reporter wrote about a small business opening in your city last month, he will likely be interested in your small business opening as well.

Try to locate a reporter's email address, which is usually printed in the physical newspaper at the end of an article. Trying to find them online can be a little more tricky, as most news outlets are wary of publishing their reporters' contact information all over the Internet. If you can't find a certain reporter's information online or in print, most news companies will list a "newsdesk@abcnews.com" or similar email address, where all tips and press releases can be directed.

Step 3: Media Outreach

This is the final piece of the promotional puzzle — getting your completed release in front of journalists and bloggers. The email is your "foot-in-the-door" to entice them to want to find out more, and hopefully cover the event.

For actual journalists:

Reporters want just the facts, ma'am. So it's best to keep this email informative, pulling out the most news-worthy aspect of your event. Always include your contact information, and include a link to your press release if you have published it, or attach it to the email if you have not.

SAMPLE OUTREACH EMAIL
Subject Line: Local Business Holding Diabetes Research Event
Dear XXX,

I read your recent article on XXX

and given your attention to local business trends, I think you'd be interested in XXX [this should be short and to the point, such as: "a local business owner who is holding an event to support diabetes research."]

ABC Company, a staple of the local business community for over 20 years, is holding an event to benefit diabetes research on Saturday, March 9 from 3 to 8 p.m. The event will feature XXX. [Use this space to talk about the event and how it will make a news-worthy impact on the local community — but keep it short.]

"This event is meant to benefit everyone in our local community, and is open to families and pets," owner Jane Smith said.

I'd be happy to coordinate an interview with ABC Company owner Jane Smith, to discuss the details of the event and how she as a business owner also makes the effort to support local, independent business. Here is a link to our press release for more information: www.YourPressRelease.com.

Would you be interested in sharing this story with your readers or speaking with Jane at ABC Company?

I look forward to hearing from you soon! Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Your Name & Phone Number

For bloggers:

When contacting bloggers, you can be slightly more informal than your typical media outreach, but not so informal that you're using incomplete sentences. Rather, you can take a less newsy angle in your email, and adjust the message to fit the content of the blog. If a blog is on mothers in your community, pose your event as a family-friendly outing. Here is a sample outreach email for contacting bloggers:

Subject Line: Local Independent Business Event
Hello XXX blog!

I am a huge fan of your content, and I wanted to share an event that might be of interest to your readers.

We are holding a XXX event to celebrate/support/promote XXX on Saturday, October 19 from 2-5p.m.!

During the event, we'll be featuring XXX.

If this sounds like something you'd be interested in featuring, I would be happy to pass along any information you might need. Here is a link to the event page get more information:

Event: www.FacebookEventPage.com.

And to give you a little background on my company: XXX.

Sincerely,

Your Name & Phone Number

Extras:

Event pages: Scour each and every one of your local newspapers and magazines for event calendars. Generally, these are free, and you can submit your event and include a link back to your Facebook event page. Also, list the event on Yelp!, MeetUp, and any other local event listing in your area.

Ongoing social promotion: Leading up to the event, the more social promotion you can do, the better. Generating word-of-mouth buzz around the event will help attract the attention of local journalists. Contact similar local organizations in your area to invite them, encouraging them to promote the event to their own customer base as well.

Check out our most recent press release to get an idea of what type of information is pertinent and should be included in your release.

Never should you ever:

- Use slang. Just don't.
- Send a press release or outreach email without proofing it and reading it out loud multiple times. This is your one shot to make a great impression and stir up some interest in your event.
- Send mass media outreach emails. Every email you send needs to be tailored to that specific journalist/blogger. It does take some extra time, but if a reporter receives an email that looks like a carbon copy, they'll do what everyone else does — **delete it.**

Colorado Grange Museum

Jeanne Davies, Museum Board
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The Colorado State Grange Museum has many exhibits depicting Colorado rural life and many more of Granges around the state, their achievements and activities. Colorado has one of the finest Grange museums in the country.

Right now the Colorado State Grange

Museum is located at the Plains Conservation Center near Hampden and Gun Club Road in Aurora. There were several Grangers on the Board of the Plains Conservation Center when it was decided to place the museum there. It was an ideal place at that time as people coming to the Conservation Center were also interested in the same goals as the Colorado State Grange in preserving the history of rural Colorado and the Granges that had been in Colorado since 1874.

We would like to have more Grangers working with us to plan the future of the State Grange Museum and the exhibits that we want to preserve. If you would be interested please call Jeanne Davies, 720-379-5834 or email jeannedavies@comcast.net.

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The body of press release begins here: get to the point immediately. What is the actual event?

Second paragraph: concrete details including date, time, where, why, any cost to attend or special restrictions.

Third – Last paragraphs: for the remainder of the release, attempt to tell a story about your business and why the event is so important. Always include a quote from the owner of your business.

About ABC Corporation [insert name of your company here]

[This is where you put a mini-biography of your business. How long you've been open, your place in the community, etc. Keep it to fewer than 4 lines. The last line should be: to learn more visit www.yourwebsitehere.com, or call us at XXX.XXX.XXXX.]

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[Three hash tags is the universal symbol for the end of the press release.]

Agriculture

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by David McCord



Below are notes and comments from this year's first Ag Council meeting held at the Capitol Tuesday, February 3. Legislators attending included Representatives Buck, Ginal, Arndt, Lundeen, Lebsock, and Senators Holbert, Sonnenberg and Baumgardner.

Sen. Sonnenberg, Dist 1, NE Colorado, related the Legislature's Super Bowl showdown vs. North Carolina's legislature to see which statehouse could donate the most food recognizing the importance of agricultural production. This will also include food we donate to the Food Bank of the Rockies at the annual Ag Day at the Capitol. The bills he is aware of include the "rain barrel" bill to allow homeowners to capture runoff from their rooftops but also protect prior water appropriations.

Rep. Brown, Dist 59, Durango area, is sponsoring a water storage bill regarding the South Platte to study proposed projects, how much water is involved, cost of dams, cost/benefits, and amount of appropriated water that has gone out of state (where we do not have reservoir capacity) in the past 20 years. He feels it is shameful we are not storing that water and also recharging the Denver aquifer. Sen. Sonnenberg will carry the bill in the Senate.

Rep. Ginal, Dist 52, east half Fort Collins is sponsoring a bill to require rabies vaccination statewide for cats and dogs (now is up to each county) to head off spreading incidences of rabies carried by skunks and raccoons. She recognizes the challenges of feral barn cats — you can't readily capture them. She is working with the Commission of Ag on the bill.

Rep. Jeni Arndt, Dist 53, west half Fort Collins, is carrying four "little" water bills. One has the concept of keeping ag water in ag, especially for tracking use. She has farmers who want to rent their water for one year. Ducks Unlimited is supporting. A Lower Arkansas bill would use the State Engineer to quantify ag water use — e.g. you use less water for this crop more for that crop, etc.

A staff member for Rep Young, Dist. 50, Evans, eastern Greeley, related support for an ag bill to obtain and support assistance to small, rural users

via grants.

Rep Lundeen, Dist 19, El Paso, attended and related his interest in agriculture. Also Rep. Lebsock, Dist. 34, North Denver metro, attended; he is not running any ag bills.

Deputy Commissioner of Ag Chris Wiseman related problems of pesticides in the marijuana industry as to what is allowed and not allowed. Given no federal oversight, the State is addressing the issue. Last year there were 44 complaints and 66 this year. The marijuana (tax) will provide staff funding.

Drought report — with about 45 percent of the snow accumulation year remaining strong and reservoir levels being up, the water providers are comfortable. The last quarter of 2015 was wet and warm.

2016 Proposed Initiatives (per the Secretary of State web site): The (terrible) Public Trust Doctrine title that would turn our water laws upside down, has expired — not sure if this may mean this will come back later. Others: State Health Care System, Food Store License (several, would variously allow grocery stores to sell wine, liquor, etc. in addition to beer), Right to Healthy Environment (not clear what this is — might embody intent of the Public Trust interests), Prohibit Restrictions on Firearms (addresses background checks, allows carry), others would address hydraulic fracturing, well drilling setbacks, local government control of.

by John Hagen

During the last year, the EPA formulated and presented a policy called Waters of the United States (wotus). The policy would usurp the control of rivers, streams, watersheds, dry creeks, and gullies currently under the control of their respective states. The opposition organized quickly, and attorney generals from western states obtained a court injunction to stay the implementation of the policy. The U.S. Congress drafted and passed legislation to stop and void the policy. President Obama has vetoed the legislation. Fortunately, the policy will have to proceed through the courts before it can be implemented. The courts, so far, have shown that they believe the policy is a complete and dangerous overreach by the EPA.



You Are Invited

The following are Subordinate Grange activities you are invited to.

March 5 – Pine Needle Basket Making Class at the Florissant Grange, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. *Call Renee @ 719-748-5004.*

March 19 – Join the Easter Bunny at the Florissant Grange. The fun is from 1-2:30 p.m. *Call Renee @ 719-748-5004.*

March 21 – Knitting at the Left Hand Grange, 1-3 p.m. *Call Bruce Johnson @ 720-301-6367.*

March 26 – Easter Supper at Mt. Allison Grange Hall, 5-7 p.m. *Call Larry Corman @ 970-844-4762.*

April 9 – Saturday Youth Benefit Breakfast at Maple Grove Grange, 8-10 a.m. *Call Idella Lewis @ 303-233-3393.*

April 10 – Open Stage – Music at Left Hand Grange, 4-6 p.m. *Call Bruce Johnson @ 720-301-6367.*

April 10 – Mount Lookout Grange Community Supper, 5:30 p.m. *Call Gretchen @ 509-830-4380.*

April 15 – Marvel Game Night/Community Citizen/Outstanding Grange Potluck, 6:30 p.m. *Call Cindy @ 970-588-3386.*

April 15 – Registration due for Colorado State Grange Family Camp. *Call Charlene Porter @ 720-434-7161.*

April 15 – Registration due for Great Plains Regional Leadership Conference (see article for more information).

April 16 – Spring Craft Show and Sale at Florissant Grange, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. *Call Renee at 719-748-5004.*

April 20 – Knitting at the Left Hand Grange, 1-3 p.m. *Call Bruce Johnson @ 720-301-6367.*

April 30 – Darden Pomona Grange Month Banquet at Maple Grove Grange, 4 p.m. *Call Idella Lewis @ 303-233-3393.*

April 30 – Marvel Grange Free Community Breakfast, 8-10 a.m. *Call Cindy @ 970-588-3386.*

April 30 – Florissant Grange Chili Cook Off, Entertainment and Silent Auction, 12-3 p.m. *Call Renee at 719-748-5004.*

May 8 – Mount Lookout Grange Community Supper and May Day celebration. *Call Gretchen @ 509-830-4380.*

May 12 – Community Night at Maple Grove Grange, 6:30 p.m. Potluck with presentation to follow. *Call Idella Lewis @ 303-233-3393.*

May 14 – Community Dinner and Annual Pie Auction at Florissant Grange, 6-8 p.m. *Call Renee at 719-748-5004.*

May 17 – Knitting at the Left Hand Grange, 1-3 p.m. *Call Bruce Johnson @ 720-301-6367.*

May 28 – Florissant Grange presents the Western Music Association 2014/2015 Performer of the Year, Kristyn Harris. Join us for Dinner and Concert. Reservations a must. *Call Renee at 719-748-5004.*

Granger Deadline And Guidelines

April 15, 2016 is the deadline for articles for the May-June 2016 edition of *The Colorado Granger*. You can send them to the State Grange Office, 2009 CR 31, Florissant, CO 80816 or email costategrange@gmail.com.

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

- Name of Grange
- Contact person (with a phone number)
- Upcoming dates
- Brief summary of what has been happening at your Grange — DO NOT SEND MINUTES
- Community Service Projects
- In Memoriam (Grangers who have passed away)
- Thinking of You (Grangers who are sick and shut in — include address if they would enjoy cards)
- Hats Off (Grangers to be recognized)
- You're Invited (activities open to non-members and visiting Grangers)

Boulder County

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Left Hand

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

Business Meetings at 6 p.m., Mar. 9, Apr. 13, May 11.

Open Stage — Music at the Grange 4-6 p.m. — Mar. 13, April 10.

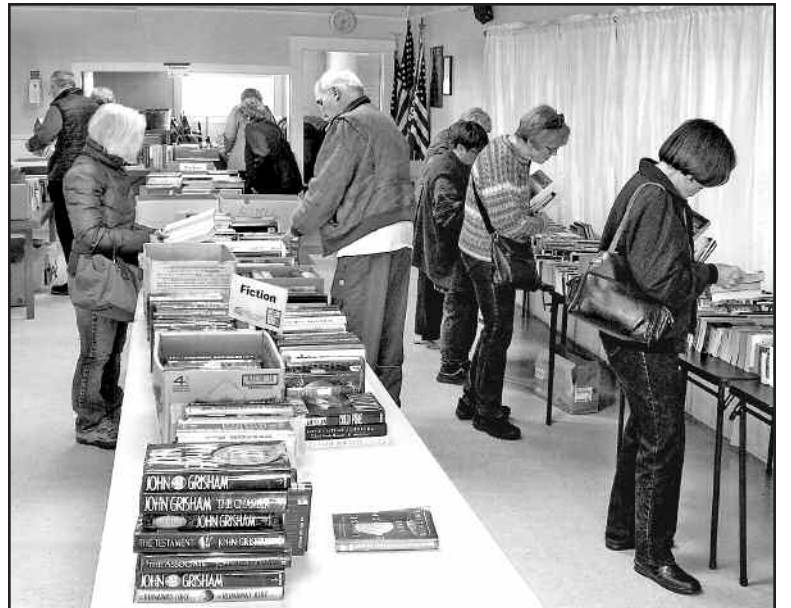
Knitting at the Grange — 1-3 p.m., March 21, April 20, May 17.

Music Open Stage — Our monthly Sunday music Open Stage season runs through April 2016, and then will resume again in October. These events are hosted by Bruce and Marcia Johnson. All musical styles are welcome: folk, country, bluegrass, blues, jazz, pop, light rock. Performers must be high school age or older. Refreshments are provided by the Grange. Performers sign up at 3:45 p.m. and the show runs from 4 to 6 p.m. Performers and listeners are invited! Our Feb. 14 event was attended by 26 people, that included six

performing acts. Area Grangers are invited to attend future events.

Used Book Sale — The Left Hand Grange used book sale was held on Friday evening February 5, and Saturday, February 6. We raised over \$1,000 which will help with building maintenance and other various Grange expenses. Thanks to the many Niwot area residents and Grange members who donated good quality used books for the sale, and thanks to those who purchased books. (see photo.) Special thanks to local realtors Pat Murphy of Niwot Real Estate, and Grange member Karlynn Speder of Colorado Landmark Realtors who provided daytime locations for people to drop off donated books. And thanks to all of the people who volunteered to move books and set up, staff the sale, and break down.

Knitting at the Grange — Grange member Christine Washington continues her successful monthly series "Knitting at the Grange" on Sundays from 1-3 p.m. Please come and crochet or knit. It is open to beginners and all ages and genders are welcome. (Continued on Page 6)



Shoppers at the Left Hand Grange #9 Used Book Sale on February 5.



Youth News

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In January, the Youth met at Wheat Ridge Grange. It was decided that we do not have enough youth to have a mystery dinner, however, on April 2 from 5 to 7p.m., Wheat Ridge Grange is having a pasta dinner to earn money to send Junior Grangers to camp.

Family Summer Camp is July 22 – 24. A \$50 deposit is due by April 15. We will have lots of activities, education, fun and socializing. There will be something for everyone. The cost of the camp can be an issue for most

families so I am reaching out to all Grangers and all Granges for some financial help. Any amount would be great. Please contact me to donate. If you would like to attend and need help, please let me know and we will try to help.

Flyers have been sent to each Master (see Family Summer Camp Agenda below). If you need more information, please contact me as soon as possible. Thank you for always supporting the youth and Junior Grange.

Family Summer Camp Agenda

Friday — July 22, 2016	Location
4 p.m. Arrive and get settled	Hotel
Social Hour and Activities	Lodge
Dinner	Lodge
Board Games for all	
Saturday — July 23, 2016	
Breakfast	Lodge
Leave for Bishop Castle Tour	
Return to camp — Free Time until lunch	
Lunch	Lodge
Break into groups for today's activities:	
Plenty of activities in each group:	
Junior Grange (ages 5-14) • Youth (ages 15-35) • Women & Men	
Free Time after each group's activities until dinner	
Dinner	Lodge
After dinner activities include:	
Speech • Sign-a-Song and Talent Contests	
A Story Teller	
Free Time • Board Games	
Extra things to do during your stay — all FREE!	
Swim and Hot Tub — open 24 hours • Paddle Boats • Air Hockey	
• Skeet Ball • Fishing • Hiking and many more ...	
Sunday — July 24, 2016	
Breakfast	Lodge
Worship Service	
End of Weekend — Pack up	

Thank you for coming!

P.I.C.K.

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Juniors/Youth Programs

Every Grange needs to connect with the youth in their community. Each Grange can connect with the youth in their community by having things for younger people to do at any event you are sponsoring or by planning and promoting a project of interest to youth in your community. For example your Grange could sponsor a Jump Rope for Heart event in your community. Inexpensive jump ropes can be purchased and given out to use that day. Prizes can be obtained from local businesses and this is where PICK can partner with you to make it easier to get those prizes. PICK can provide you with their 501c3 number so that businesses can have a tax deduction.

These activities can:

1. Build relationships
 - a. Fun Activities
2. Build Interest
 - a. Informational programs
3. Build service
 - a. Community Service

Women's Resources

Educating the community about safe and proper methods of food preservation is quickly making a comeback. The Grange can be a leader in

making sure men and women who are interested in food preservation are educated and well informed. We encourage each Grange to sponsor a food preservation program using a reliable source to conduct the workshop. If funds are needed to obtain a reliable source and your Grange does not have funding you can apply for partial assistance. Proof of completion of the workshop is required. If funds are requested the following information must be included:

Grange Name and Number, Contact Person, Address, Date of workshop, Name of workshop expert, Qualifications of workshop expert. Thirty days following the workshop's completion the Grange seeking funding must report the outcome of the workshop and provide one photo. This report can be sent via e-mail. We would like to know how many attended the workshop. Funding must be returned if the Grange fails to report within in 30 days.

Women's Health issues are unique and we encourage you to consider hosting an educational program on a health issue that is important to your community.

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:

March 26 — Easter Supper (5 until 7 p.m.) @ Grange Hall.
April 16 — Ignacio Health Fair



Grange member Christine Washington, left, working along with a participant and spinning wheel at Knitting at the Grange on January 17.

Boulder County
Boulder County

• **Left Hand**

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Our last event was held on January 17 and was attended by 10 people. (see photo.) The next event is March 21. Contact Christine with any questions at 303-718-6246 or chrisw6049@gmail.com.

Bruce Johnson

Crescent

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

March 5 — 10 a.m. Grange garden preparation.

March 14 — Regular meeting, 7 p.m.

April 11 — Regular meeting, 7 p.m.

April 24 — Open House — 10 a.m. Celebration Party for 100 Years of our Grange Hall.

Since our building is 100-years-old this year (although our charter was 100 in 1998) we are planning special events for each month starting with February. In March we will start preparing the permaculture (organic) garden for the spring, helped by the middle school students of our two dy-

@ **Ignacio High School (new location!!)**

We had a fun event in January, playing Bunco and eating different soups that everyone brought to share. We had almost 40 players and 11 pots of soup and chili. Thanks to Yvonne Chapman and Louetta Phelps for organizing this fun event.

We were able to provide six boxes to families in need from our Christmas food drive/breakfast.

Thanks to Jimmy and Margaret Sut-

ton for helping clear the lot and sidewalks of the snow that we received in January. All that snow is now melting rapidly with our 50+ degree days.

Our two mile section of Highway 151 cleanup has been renewed for another two years. One way to get exercise plus it keeps our highway semi-clean.

Hope everyone is enjoying this break in winter — it's too early for it to be gone completely!

Larry Corman

Marvel

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

March 26 — Dryside Quilters, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

April 1 — Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m. — Program: Janet Cordell.

April 11 — Marvel Junior Grange Meeting, 2 p.m.

April 15 — Game Night/Community Citizen/Outstanding Grange Potluck, 6:30 p.m.

April 23 — Dryside Quilters, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

April 30 — Free Community Breakfast, 8-10 a.m.

May 6 — Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m. — Program: Norma Frame.

May 9 — Marvel Junior Grange Meeting, 2 p.m.

Our New Year's Party was well supported by several community Businesses. We'd like to thank the Basin CO-OP, La Plata Electric, Wagner Equipment in Farmington, and Durango Silverton Narrow Gauge Train for door prizes and Durango Coca Cola Bottling company provided coke products for the evening. We had approximately 40 in attendance. All enjoyed the food, decorations, door prizes, and table games.

In January we had a Chili cook-

off with nine entries of Chili (five green chili and four Red Chili). Jake and Melanie Greer took first place in the red Chili category and Cindy Greer took first place in the green chili category. Both also received People's Choice awards. We sold several items in to raise funds for needy families and received over \$700 which was used to help with electricity or gas bills.

Our Free Community Breakfast had 120 in attendance! We received one application for an associate member and gave out several applications to interested families. We also have a potential of a few more junior Grange members.

The Jam sessions have taken a break. Some have been working together to put together a band specifically for 4-H dances. We welcomed them to the Grange Hall for a Valentines Dance on February 13. The juniors sold pop.

We had a committee checking into possible insurance sources. They obtained three quotes all with varying fees and coverage. The Ex committee approved their recommendation of Bob Clouse insurance for the coming year.

We have an old upright piano that we'd like to find a new home for. It does need some work. We purchased a new electric piano for the Grange Hall.

Our January meeting was cancelled due to weather.

Cindy Greer

Marvel JGs

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

Marvel Junior Grange met in December and made Christmas ornaments. They met in January and worked on recycled craft projects. January 17 they helped with a senior citizen lunch at the Grange Hall and served 20 seniors who came. They decorated cookies, served drinks, and had the tables set when the seniors arrived. They played "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" with bells for entertainment.

We are looking forward to working on textile crafts and possibly getting some new members we met at the Grange Breakfast. Some of the Juniors helped out at the breakfast with mixing pancake batter, cooking pancakes, and then serving pancakes or biscuits.

Cindy Greer



Marvel Junior Grangers decorating cookies for the Senior Citizens Lunch.



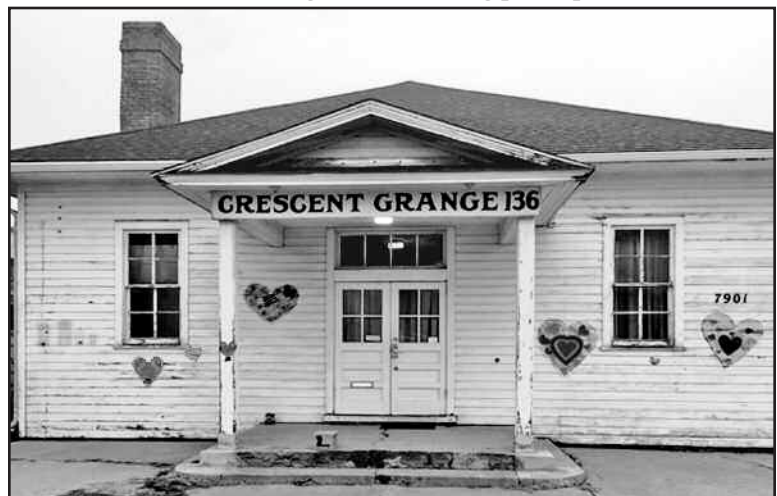
Marvel Grange Free Breakfast. Isa and Harry Greer cooking pancakes, Sheryl Ayers cooking eggs.



Hot game of Dominoes at Marvel Grange's New Year's Eve Party.



Crescent Grange heart bombing participants.



Crescent Grange Hall decorated with hearts.

Ute Mountain

Dolores and Montezuma Counties

Mount Lookout

Contact Carol van der Harten, 5hearts@q.com or 970-533-9955, for further information.

March 17 — Officers meeting, 6 p.m.

April 10 — Community supper, 5:30 p.m.

April 21 — Officers meeting, 6 p.m.

May 8 — Community supper and May Day celebration.

Mount Lookout Grange strives to participate in as many community events and projects as possible. During the holidays the Grange Hall served as a collection and distribution point for Christmas package donations for local residents on behalf of the Giving Tree project. The Hall hosted the annual Martin Luther King community breakfast, a celebration open to the community, proudly sponsored by Mount Lookout Grange. Approximately 100 attended the yearly tribute, enjoying a hearty breakfast prepared by Grange members. A root cellar has been established for local growers to store produce during the winter

months. Local acoustic jam sessions, open to the public, are given on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. The Grange will be the venue for the local democratic caucus in March. And, of course, our monthly community suppers, held at 5:30 p.m. on the second Sunday are always well attended, and serve as an opportunity for fellowship and exchange of ideas.

The Grange officers continue to meet monthly and held a "brainstorm-

ing" retreat in February to discuss ideas for bringing programs and events of interest to our membership. There is much enthusiasm and anticipation for a very successful year ahead.

The Grange hall is a popular choice for holding classes, educational series, workshops, meetings and events, both private and public. We feel very fortunate to have such a fine resource in our community.

Carol van der Harten



MLK breakfast with Master Gretchen Groenke and treasurer Betsy Harrison.



Craft Fair at Golden Gate Grange on November 14, 2015, featured a wide variety of arts and crafts, baked goods, and lunch was available.

Darden

Jefferson County

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

April 30 — Grange Month Banquet, Saturday at Maple Grove Grange, 4 p.m. RSVP to Marlyshalbeisen@gmail.com or Idellamlewis@gmail.com by Wed., April 27.

Darden Pomona met at Wheat Ridge Grange on Feb. 6 with Master Marlys Halbeisen presiding.

\$150 was donated to Wheat Ridge United Methodist Church for their food bank in December.

Wheat Ridge Grange had a Junior Grange meeting. Charlene Porter said the Family Camp will be held July 22 in Westcliffe. Funds are needed to support attendance.

Wheat Ridge Grange is having a "Get To Know Wheat Ridge" event the third Thursday of the month.

Enterprise Grange held a Valentine's Tea in February.

Maple Grove Grange will sponsor a youth benefit breakfast Sat., April 9 at 8-10 a.m. at Maple Grove Grange. All are invited to attend.

The annual Darden Pomona Grange Month Banquet will be held at Maple Grove April 30 at 4 p.m. Jean Decker will be honored as an outstanding community volunteer.

The February meeting ended with Hobby Night with members sharing their hobbies. Marlys showed her coloring books that she has colored, Colleen shared her flower bouquet suckers, pottery mermaids, and felted cat, and Idella shared a doll quilt.

Idella Lewis

Enterprise

Contact Mike Lackey, thelackeyteam@gmail.com, 303-521-8773, for further information.

March 9 — Potluck at 6:30 p.m. Our theme will be St. Paddy's Day.

Think Green! Kathy Wardle will speak to us about the expectations of Grange members. Business Meeting to follow.

April 13 — Community Service Night. Potluck at 6:30 p.m. with the ceremony and entertainment to follow.

May 11 — Potluck at 6:30 p.m. Program will be about Model Airplanes and Drones. Business Meeting to follow.

On January 13, we had a Hobo Theme for our evening potluck and program. Our meal included Hobo Stew (anything you have to throw into a pot and hope it's tasty). Whatever the Grangers threw into their pots were exactly that, tasty! Many came dressed as Hobos. Leonard Danneels was our speaker for the night and talked about the History of the Hobos. Leonard really did his research and a great job telling us about the life and times of the Hobos.

During our February meeting we had a Travel Program by "The Barker Family." They visited Iceland in August 2015 with a tour group and had a slide show and many tales about Iceland and the Icelandic people.

Our High Tea was on February 13. The fundraiser was for "Shannon's Hope," a home for teenage girls and for homeless women in Arvada. Several members from there attended. We had a total of 60 people and many more donated to the cause. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, some even declaring it to be the best tea they had ever been to! There was plenty of tea and food for everyone. The leftovers went to the Shannon's Hope home. They were extremely grateful for the tea and the leftovers. Thanks to all who attended and all those who worked for hours behind the scenes to put on this fundraiser. We couldn't have been successful without each one of you.

We welcome all Grangers and friends to any and all of our activities and look forward to your attendance.

Carol Lackey

Maple Grove

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

April 9 — Saturday Youth Benefit Breakfast, 8-10 a.m. at Maple Grove Grange.

May 12 — Community Night, 6:30 p.m. Potluck with presentation to follow. Everyone welcome.

July 9 — Saturday 9 a.m. Cleanup Day at Maple Grove Grange.

Maple Grove Grange met in February with a potluck dinner and a meeting led by Master Marlys Halbeisen.

The youth benefit breakfast will be held April 9, 8-10 a.m. at Maple Grove Grange.

Plans were made for a cleanup day in July with potential projects being cleaning, painting and putting down new floor covering in the bathrooms.

Thank you to all who have been helping with the maintenance of the hall by cleaning up after functions.

Idella Lewis

Wheat Ridge

Contact Charlene Porter, charspino@hotmail.com, 720-434-7161, for further information.

The first Thursday each month is a Business Meeting from 6:30-7:30 p.m., no potluck.

The third Thursday is Social Time with a Potluck starting at 6:30 p.m.

The second Monday is Bunco starting at 12 p.m. with a potluck.

The City of Wheat Ridge had a Tree Lighting at the school across the street. We handed out hot chocolate and hot cookies.

We held a Chili Cook Off in January and earned \$400 for the backyard program. On January 27 we held a potluck and movie night.

Coming in March ... on the 24th will be community night at 6:30 p.m. with a potluck. On March 30 we will have a potluck and movie night.

April 21, Al's garden shop is coming to talk about gardening and Kids Corner is happening to make Mother's Day gifts.

April 27 we will have potluck and movie night.

Charlene Porter

Pleasant Park

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

April 9 — Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed by Annual Chili Dinner.

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

June 11 — Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed by Pomona Picnic.

Our annual Chili Dinner will be held on April 9 following the regular meeting. Everyone is invited to attend. Adult tickets are \$7 and children 12 and under are \$3. The menu includes beef, chicken or veggie chili, hot dogs, dessert and a beverage. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

In February we celebrated Betty Long's 91st birthday. She is a long-time member of the Grange and is a native of the area. We are so fortunate to have her in our Grange.

The speaker at the February meeting was Jeanie Boymel from Training with Altitude. She gave a talk on Heart Health. We learned how we can live longer by just doing one thing a day to help our hearts. It was a fun day and a delicious Potluck followed.

Mark your calendars for the Pomona Picnic on June 11. The fun starts at 12 p.m. and the guest speaker will

be from International Hearing Dog, Inc. There will be a face painter for children of all ages. Come and enjoy good food, fun and fellowship.

Check us out on Facebook. One of our goals for 2016 is to utilize social media and benefit from all the perks it has to offer.

Everyone is invited to come and join us at any of our meetings! Our Lecturer has more interesting speakers scheduled.

The Pleasant Park Grange Hall continues to be a busy place hosting meetings and special events. All Grange members can use the facility for a donation. Contact Sharon Bonomo at 303-838-2394 if you want to plan an event there.

Yvonne Ludwig

Golden Gate

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

March 26 — Eggmania and Easter Egg Hunt, 1-3 p.m.

April 6 — Monthly Meeting, 3 p.m.

April 10 — Pancake Breakfast, 8 to 10:30 a.m.

May 4 — Monthly Meeting, 3 p.m.

May 7 — Darden Pomona Meeting, 1-3 p.m.

May 8 — Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast, 8 to 10:30 a.m.

May 27 and 28 — Rummage and Bake Sale, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

June 1 — Monthly Meeting, 3 p.m.

June 12 — Pancake Breakfast, 8 to 10 a.m.

June TBD — History Night, 7 p.m.

Mondays Yoga at 1:30 p.m. and Wednesday at 5 p.m.

Once again, the Golden Gate Grange will hold Eggmania and Easter Egg Hunt on March 26 from 1 to 3 p.m. Bring your hard boiled eggs and we will provide all the materials for decorating and dyeing. This will be fol-

lowed by an Easter egg hunt and visit from the Easter Bunny. This is a free event and open to all in the community!

Pancake Breakfasts are a great way to catch up with neighbors and friends. Pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee and juice will be served. The price is \$5 for adults.

Our Valentine's Dance was a great success! Thanks to Phoebe Reese, Terri Costeldia, Rich and Elle Phillips for all their hard work! Thanks to all who brought delicious refreshments.

Living in the foothills, it is very wise to be trained in CPR. If a friend or loved one goes into cardiac arrest, the first thing you should do is call 911. As quickly as possible after calling for help, one should start CPR on the afflicted person. This will increase the probability of a favorable outcome when professional help arrives. The Golden Gate Grange will offer a CPR course given by Front Range CPR. The class will cost \$40/per person (plus \$5 for non Grange members). If 12 people or more attend, you will receive a \$5 rebate.

The class is scheduled for Thursday, May 12 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Call Janet Primmer 303 239-6789 for reservations or more information. You can send a check to reserve your place to: Golden Gate Grange 25201 Golden Gate Canyon Road Golden, CO 80403

Please write CPR Class on the check.

Our annual Rummage and Bake Sale will be held on Friday, May 27, and Saturday, May 28. Please bring us your gently used items from May 23 thru May 26. If you need help with getting larger items to the Grange or wish to donate before May 23, call Phoebe Reese 303 277-1742 or Terri Costeldia 303 277-0351. No tires, TVs, computer equipment or large appliances, please.

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

Florissant

Contact Ed Oppermann, 719-748-5004, florissantgrange@gmail.com, for further information.

March 5 — Pine Needle Basket Making Class at the Florissant Grange from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Learn to make beautiful baskets from pine needles.

March 19 — Join the Easter Bunny at the Florissant Grange. Free Pictures, goodies, crafts, snacks and drinks. The fun begins at 1 p.m. and goes until 2:30 p.m.

April 16 — Spring Craft Show and Sale at the Florissant Grange from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This is a great place to find one of a kind gifts for (Continued on Page 6)



Grange staff who helped at the Tea.



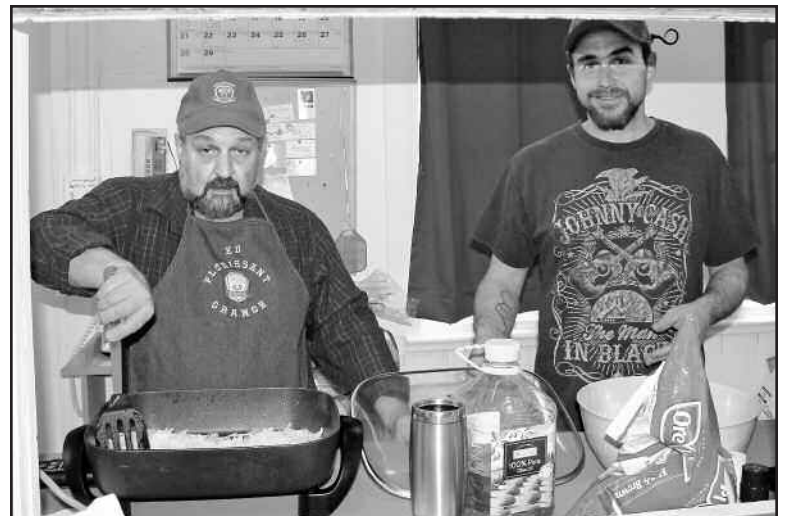
Attendees from Shannon's Hope who benefited from the fundraiser.

Pikes Peak

El Paso and Teller Counties



Cooking up Valentine's Brunch.



Pikes Peak

El Paso and Teller Counties

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Birthdays, Anniversaries, and even start Christmas shopping early.
April 30 — Chili Cook Off, entertainment and Silent Auction. Enter your Chili and possibly win a great cash prize. Taste all the chili, eat lunch while listening to fantastic entertainment and bid on items at our silent auction. This is a fun day to celebrate Grange Month. Join us from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.
May 14 — Pot Luck Dinner and Pie Auction. Join us for a Community Appreciation Dinner and Pie Auction from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Coming May 28 — Another fabulous Florissant Grange Dinner

Concert starring the 2014/2015 Western Music Association Female Performer of the Year **Kristyn Harris. Dinner is served at 6 p.m. and the show begins at 7 p.m.**

In January the Florissant Grange hosted the Friends of the NRA for a banquet. We served a fabulous breakfast to those who wanted to attend and we served three kinds of chili and a salad bar for their lunch. We had a great time. We also held a successful musicians swap meet in January.

February 14 we celebrated Valentine's Day with a Brunch from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Over 100 people joined us for biscuits, gravy, sausage, bacon, hash browns or make your own burrito. We also served virgin mimosas. Yum... they were soooooo good.
Ed Oppermann



Over 100 people attended Florissant's Valentine's Day Brunch.

History Of The Grange, Continued

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gan working together on common problems and challenges.

When the agriculture organization became strong enough, Mr. Kelley and the Founders who were now the first officers of the National Grange went to Congress with a resolution from the farmers stating their grief with the Railroad monopoly. In order to encourage movement to the west the government had given the railroads thousands of acres of land along the railroad tracks wherever they expanded. In some cases that was choice farm land. They still own that land today. Their obligation was to benefit the farmer in return. They were powerful enough and seemed to forget. They raised shipping costs on agricultural products and squeezed the farmers out. The National Grange brought this to the attention of Congress and was instrumental in getting the Interstate Commerce Commission in place to regulate interstate transportation. This was the first of many legislative achievements by National Grange.

HOW THE GRANGE HELPED THE RURAL COMMUNITIES DEVELOP

I detailed in the earlier articles found in the *Granger* many of the legislative achievements attributed to the National Grange but I did not mention how in some cases this affected the farm family or community. In 1896 a woman Granger in the mid-west asked why farm families

did not receive mail at their homes like the folks in the city. It sounded like a great idea to the local Grange, the State Grange and the National Grange. But Congress couldn't imagine why they should spend money on such a project when farm families just get a letter every week or so and can go to the nearest town to retrieve it. But National Grange would not give up on the idea and kept going back to Congress making Congress feel they had an obligation to the farmers of the Nation to start this program through the Post Office Department. Congress finally allotted a small amount of money for three mail routes in West Virginia feeling that they would be such a failure there would be no more talk of a Rural Free Delivery system. Quite the contrary to their speculation the mail routes were a great success. Farmers were spending money to fix up the roads so they would get their mail, companies were sending information to farmers to buy new equipment, and letters were going back and forth at a fast pace. More routes were established by the Post Office Department and by the end of that first year they said that nothing in the history of the postal service was so remarkable as the growth of the rural mail system. The permanency of the rural mail system was established and farm families began to receive magazines and catalogues and were able to correspond much easier by mail.

One other benefit was the fact that

the local governments were making the roads better to the farmstead for the mail routes and this also helped the farmers to get their produce to markets in quicker fashion. This convinced the Grange that Congress needed to allot money for farm to market roads. Their transportation system and highway allotments were going to roads and highways between the bigger cities up to this time. So after the Grange got involved the highway system became more inclusive and better roads were found everywhere not just between big cities.

One other special piece of legislation attributed to the Grange that I would like to bring up here is the legislation that led to the rural electrification of farms. The Grange was right in the mix as this was being hammered out in Congress much against the private power companies' wishes. The power companies were controlling who got power by the fees they would charge and were not interested in running lines in the country where there were not many people to pay their fees.

In 1930 the Grange asserted that more power was being used on farms in the United States than all the industries combined, with the exception of the railroads. This started the support for the extension of power lines to the rural areas and the establishment of publicly owned power districts. The Federal Rural Electrification Administration was created in 1935. Charles Garner, High Priest of Demeter and Historian for National Grange, mentions in his book *FRIEND OF THE FARMER*, that there were few contributions to the rural life of America that brought greater comfort or more practical benefit to farmers than the spread of rural electrification.

Information for these articles is taken from Charles Garner's Book, *THE GRANGE — FRIEND OF THE FARMER*, and personal research.

My next article will be about women in the Grange.



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