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From left, John and Lea Russell, Cindy Greer, and Cash, Laura and Ronald Miller.

CSG Emergency Relief Funds Awarded

October 2016, 5,323 acres of timber, grass and brush burned. Beulah is 15 miles southwest of Pueblo located in the Pike/San Isabel National Forests. About 14 homes were destroyed. Cattle and other animals were trapped by the fire, some dying from smoke inhalation and others suffering from burns or injury. The entire Beulah Valley was put under evacuation and many were housed at the State Fairgrounds in the 4-H dorms and an elementary school. Past State Master John Hagen and First Lady Trudy were in Pueblo when Beulah was evacuated. They had to make arrangements with someone to rescue their own animals as they couldn't get back to do it themselves.

Fire officials announced that the preliminary cause of the Beulah Hill Fire was a Colorado Department of Transportation excavator performing routine drainage maintenance work. It was moving rocks with the bucket and that may have created sparks, or it could have been hot particles from the exhaust. Wind swept the fire out of control in seconds.

The Colorado State Grange executive committee decided to utilize some of the Emergency Relief Funds that had

been collected during the years Karl Ramstetter was Master of the Colorado State Grange. John Hagen, executive committee member, a resident of Beulah, talked with ranchers in the area and presented the needs to the board.

February 8 the executive committee met in Beulah, and presented two families with \$1,500 each. John and Lea Russell lost 6 head of Yak, 2 bulls, 2 cows, and 2 calves. All the animals were exotics. They had no insurance on the animals and government agencies will not cover them because they were exotics. The animals were valued at \$20,000. The Miller Ranch is a cow/calf operation of mixed breeds. They lost 5 head in the fire and two had to be put down due to injury. They had 12 head missing for quite some time. Originally they had 40 head missing, but since they were scattered over 5 ranches it took a while to gather them all up. They might get some reimbursement from the government, but can't apply until October 2017. Both ranchers said their biggest loss was feed in the fields that burned.

Donations to the Emergency Relief Fund can be sent to the State Grange Office.

Colorado State Grange Summer Family Camp Adventure

Glenwood Canyon Resort is the site and July 21-23 are the dates we have chosen for this summer's adventure (formerly Family Camp). The facility we have reserved includes two family cabins each with three bedrooms. The master suite has a king size bed, the second bedroom has double bunk beds and the third bedroom has twin bunk beds. Each cabin sleeps 6-8 people and has two bathrooms. We have also reserved a Resort cabin which has one queen bedroom and a

loft with two beds. Each unit has a kitchen. So we'll be doing our own meals. Obviously everyone won't be able to have a king size bed or a queen size bed, but we know Grangers are flexible and would be for two-nights. We'd suggest that those bringing kids take the bunk bed rooms. We have

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Washington, D.C.
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only reserved room for 20.

Glenwood Springs has lots of things to see and do. Some of those things are a Railroad Museum, Historical Society & Frontier Museum, Vaudeville Revue (dinner theater), Doc Holiday Trail, Glenwood Caverns and Glenwood Adventure Park and Hot Springs, just to name a few.

Check in time at the Glenwood Canyon Resort is 4 p.m. We'll have supper at 6 or 6:30 p.m. in one of the family cabins.

Reservations for this adventure are due **June 1** along with your payment. Children 5-13 \$25 each. Youth (14-35) \$100, Adults \$125. To reserve a room send your name, address, phone along with payment to 7629 C.R. 100, Hesperus, CO 81326 no later than June 1, 2017.

State Grange Scholarship Applications

The Colorado State Grange Leadership and Scholarship Foundation requests your help in passing the word that applications for scholarships are now available with a return deadline of April 15, 2017. This year it is easier than ever to apply, as the application has been posted on the Colorado State Grange website at: <http://www.coloradogrange.org/scholarship.html>.

The applicants can complete the application in Microsoft Word or print it and complete by hand. The application can be completed online or sent to Jim Miller, P.O. Box 521, Akron, CO 80720. His email is: jimakronco@gmail.com.

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ership/Scholarship Foundation is a non-profit, private organization created to receive, hold and distribute money and other property primarily for educational purposes. The Foundation enables Granges or Grangers who want to leave memorials or wish to **donate money** as tax incentives to help in scholarship/leadership roles.

There is no age requirement for applicants but scholarships must be used at an accredited Colorado college or university or any Colorado state licensed vocational school. It is required that applicants be initiated or associate Grange members with at least one year's membership, or children or grandchildren of such members.

Agriculture Day At The Capitol Set For March 22 In Denver

A celebration of Colorado's agricultural producers and agribusinesses is set for Wednesday, March 22, at the Capitol Building in Denver.

The 48 ag organizations that make up the Colorado Agriculture Council will once again host Agriculture Day at the Capitol, starting at 10:45 a.m. and featuring the teaming up of 13 local chefs with various lawmakers and ag representatives in a cook-off competition of Colorado-grown foods. Lunch will be served around 11:30 a.m.

Producers, the public and media are all invited to attend the event, which takes place as part of National Agriculture Week.

The Colorado ag event at the State Capitol has become one of the most popular events under the Golden Dome — attended by about 1,000 people last year, including the governor, state legislators, farmers, ranchers and many others.

Each year, the event showcases all that Colorado's ag industry does for our state, highlighting its efforts in feeding Colorado's 5 million-plus people, its stewardship of our resources, and its \$40 billion economic impact — a top two or three contributor to the state's economy each year. The event also recognizes the ag industry's incredible generosity to those in need, as Colorado producers

continue to be some of the biggest supporters of the state's food banks.

"This has got to be the most popular event that happens in the State Capitol, and for good reason," Gov. John Hickenlooper said in his remarks during last year's Agriculture Day at the Capitol. "We take the quality of our food, the freshness, the diversity and abundance that we enjoy, and we mix that in with the shelters, and making sure that we provide as much food as we can for those who are less fortunate. It's amazing."

Anyone looking for more information about Agriculture Day at the Capitol can contact event manager David Collie at david@collieconsultingllc.com.

Save The Dates
September 21-23
For 2017
State Session

The State Grange convention will be at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church in Colorado Springs. All meetings will be at the Good Shepherd Church, 1201 Leta Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80911; 719-392-5782.

More information about State Session in future *Grangers*.

Important Dates

The following are dates of State and Pomona activities that we have received in the State Office.

- March 5** Pie and Chili Cook-Off, 4 p.m. at Mt. Allison Grange (970-884-4762)
- March 11** Spring Craft Show at the Florissant Grange 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (719-748-5004)
- March 12** Community Supper at Mt. Lookout Grange 5:30 p.m. (970-533-9955)
- March 12** Pancake Breakfast at Golden Gate Grange, 8-10:30 a.m. (303-215-9257)
- March 18** Community Chili Cook-Off at Golden Gate Grange 5-7 p.m. (303-215-9257)
- March 25** Maple Grove Annual Benefit Breakfast, 8-10 a.m. (303-233-3393)
- April 1** Children's Easter Party and Egg Hunt, 1-3 p.m. Florissant Grange (719-748-5004)
- April 6** Community Night at Maple Grove, Potluck at 6:30 (303-233-3393)
- April 9** Community Supper at Mt. Lookout Grange 5:30 p.m. (970-533-9955)
- April 9** Pancake Breakfast at Golden Gate Grange, 8-10:30 a.m. (303-215-9257)
- April 12** Community Service Night at Enterprise Grange, Potluck and entertainment. 6:30 p.m. (303-521-8773)
- April 15** Chickens 101 class at Florissant Grange 9 a.m.-12 p.m. (719-748-5004)
- April 15** Easter Supper, 5-7 p.m. at Mt. Allison Grange Grange (970-884-4762)
- April 15** Eggmania and Easter Egg Hunt at Golden Gate Grange 1-3 p.m. (303-215-9257)
- April 21** Member Recognition/Grange Month — Marvel Grange (hcrdgreer@frontier.net)
- April 22** 9 Health Fair at Ignacio High School 7-11 a.m. (970-884-4762)
- April 29** Free Community Breakfast — Marvel Grange (Hcrdgreer@frontier.net)
- April 29** Annual Chili Cook-Off/Grange Month at Florissant Grange 12-3 p.m. (719-748-5004)
- May 10** Cinco de Mayo Potluck at Enterprise Grange, 6:30 p.m. Business meeting to follow (303-521-8773)
- May 14** Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast at Golden Gate Grange 8-10:30 a.m. (303-215-9257)
- May 26** Rummage and Bake Sale at Golden Gate Grange 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (303-215-9257)
- July 21-23** Family Adventure Camp at Glenwood Springs Resort

Master's Message

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A lot of Grange Halls are very busy places because they are being rented out constantly. It takes someone within the Grange to coordinate renting the building and checking on the renters after they have left. Have you given any thought to who will take your place if you are the one in charge of the building? Who will you turn the job over to when you are finished, or have an accident and can't do the job or perhaps face an illness? As a Do-er you need to be looking for your replacement. Who will be the Do-er? Who can help the Do-er now and learn the ropes.

Grange Month is right around the corner — April. Let's celebrate the 150th year of the Grange in a big way this month.

Recently I was reading something that inspired me to share something about CHANGE. Granges need to Change, well some Granges need to change.

A **Healthy** Grange has at least one activity for the community per month, that's approximately 10-12 activities per year. A **Thriving** Grange has two community activities per month or 24 activities per year. Activities include service projects. These numbers do not include business meetings. Business meetings are important, but they don't usually include the community. Business meetings are essential to planning the community activities and projects and taking care of the organizations business. Healthy and Thriving Granges are usually growing. If your Grange doesn't fit the description of a *Healthy Grange* you can start to make a change. Plan **one** activity in the near future. Be the "Grange that Could." Are you saying "But I don't know what we'd do?" **Stop and think.** Ask yourself is there someone in the community facing illness that could use some help? Are there issues in our community that we can address? What do people in my community want to learn?

The activity could be to put together a fundraiser for a needy person. Stop worrying about setting a precedent.

Invite your County Extension agent or a local specialist to talk about weed control; even urban dwellers have to deal with weeds! What do people need to know about raising chickens or beekeeping? Do people want to know how to make their own cheese or preserve their own homegrown food? Can you encourage a food drive for your community shelter? These are just a few examples.

Want to challenge your members? Send each an invitation to the activity and encourage them to bring a friend who might see the value in what you're doing and want to join the Grange. We need more people with different ideas and we need to be willing to let them express their ideas and give them the opportunity to try them. We all know that some things will succeed and that others will not, but if we don't try we won't know what will succeed and what will not succeed. I look forward to reading about the activities you try and who knows I might even show up.

National Grange Legislative Fly-In April 23-26, 2017

Please join us in Washington, D.C., on April 23-26, 2017, as we begin our work with a new Congress and a new Administration. Spring is an extremely crowded and busy time in Washington, D.C. Tourists and students from around the country and abroad flock to Washington on spring trips. Hotel rooms are tight. Appointments with Representatives and Senators are a challenge to confirm. Therefore, the National Grange encourages those members who will be attending the 2017 Fly-In to register, reserve hotel rooms, and make Capitol Hill appointments early.

SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 23

- Arrival and check-in
- Evening mix and mingle dessert social at the hotel

Monday, April 24

- Issue briefings and speakers at the National Grange
- Agency visits
- Congressional Capitol Hill appointments (afternoon)

Tuesday, April 25

- Congressional Capitol Hill ap-



pointments

- Late day/evening departures for some

Wednesday, April 26

- Finish Congressional Capitol Hill Appointments
- Return home

Congressional Appointments

The National Grange staff will provide you the information you need to make appointments with your Representatives, Senators or their staffs. As soon as you decide upon the specific Members of Congress you want to see, send us their names. We will provide you with their scheduler's email and phone number as well as the

Notes From The Secretary

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A Positive Point Of View

We are well into the winter months. Some of us have been inundated with weather and some of us have had a rather mild winter, but either way we are on our way to spring. I am personally happy about that. The days get longer and we enjoy more sunshine which makes our moods happier and gives us more time to accomplish all those little things we know we need to get done.

In February the Executive Committee members met in Beulah to present Emergency Relief Funds to two ranches who had extensive fire damage in the Beulah Fire. The trip to Beulah was wonderful, the weather was very nice that day. John and Trudy Hagen prepared lunch for us and we had a great time meeting the two families — the Russells and the Millers.

Here at the office I have been working on getting membership lists updat-

ed and into a new database. Recently, Master Cindy created a spreadsheet of Officers going back to the 1800s and I have been adding to it a little at a time, in-between the normal work-day duties.

As a reminder... please utilize the change of address form in the *Granger* or just call or email if your address changes. This ensures that you receive your copy of the *Granger* and helps the office so we don't have a plethora of postage due items that need to be paid.

Another reminder, you can read the *Granger* on the Colorado State Grange website AND a copy of the latest *Handbook* is also available there. So if you lose your handbook you can always go to the website and find a copy — www.coloradogranger.org.

"Things turn out best for the people who make the best of the way things turn out."

— John Wooden

Community Service

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How great is it to be a Granger? Being a Granger can benefit you and others by volunteering in community service activities throughout the year. This gives you and others so much joy in life. Here are four ways to feel healthier and happier:

1. Volunteering connects you to others.
2. Volunteering is good for your mind and body.
3. Volunteering can advance your career
4. Volunteering brings fun and fulfillment to your life.

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name, email and phone number of their issue staff (agriculture, broadband, health care, etc.). You can then email and/or call the Member's scheduler for an appointment. You may be referred to a staff person who specializes in one or more of your issues.

Make these Hill appointments for Monday afternoon, all day Tuesday, and Wednesday morning depending upon your travel schedule. The more time you allow for scheduling appointments the more successful you'll be seeing your Senators and Representatives. You will probably be asked what you want to talk about during the meeting. There are state issues and national issues; you may want to address both which are a priority for you and your neighboring Grangers. The National Grange will have talking papers available to you at the Fly-In on such priorities as farm bill, infrastructure (roads, bridges, locks and dams) broadband/telecommunications expansion, healthcare (ACA replacement, Medicare Part D, rural hospitals) and more.

Hotel & Travel Information Quality Inn Tysons Corner

All travel and hotel costs will be a personal expense for Fly-In attendees. Please make your own travel plans and book your hotel stay directly.

If you plan to attend the Fly-In, please contact:

Stephanie Tiller
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Hotel Location & Rates

Our hotel is the Quality Inn, 1587 Spring Hill Road, Vienna, VA 22182. Phone is 703-448-8020. Our group rate is \$109 + 12% sales tax per night. The cut-off date to make a reservation is March 22, 2017. The Quality Inn is located just northwest of the Capital Beltway (I-495) in Vienna, VA. The hotel provides free parking and is just one block from the Metro's Silver Line for travel to downtown Washington, D.C. The hotel also provides a complimentary full breakfast Monday-Friday 6:30-9:30 a.m. and 7-10 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Please make your reservations directly with the hotel and mention that

you would like to book with the National Grange's block of rooms.

PLEASE NOTE — The National Grange WILL release any un-booked rooms on March 22 and you WILL be on your own for housing.

Metro Transit System

The Washington area metro subway system operates the Silver Line directly between the Tysons Corner Spring Hill station to all points in downtown Washington, D.C. Reagan National airport travelers can take the Blue Line to the Rosslyn Station and transfer to the Silver Line to reach the Spring Hill Station. For travel to the National Grange building, take the Silver Line to Farragut West Station at 17th & L Streets. The Grange is a block away at 1616 H Street, N.W. overlooking the White House.

Recommended Dress

We recommend casual for Sunday. Business attire (coat and tie) would be best for Monday and Tuesday. Wednesday is your choice.

Washington At Its Finest

April is a beautiful time in our Nation's Capital. Take some extra time to enjoy the flowers, monuments and museums. The Grange building is located in the heart of Washington, D.C. at 1616 H Street, NW so you can either come visit our historic building or use it as your sightseeing base.

In addition, all of this information, as well as the schedule and a clickable link to register can be found on the National Grange website. If you have any additional questions, please contact Burton Eller via email at beller@nationalgrange.org or call 202-628-3507, ext. 114.

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Twenty Five More Grange Accomplishments/Achievements

1. Hot Lunch program in schools.
 2. National Youth program trains you to be leaders in their community.
 3. Several Youth have gone on to be representatives in their local Governments on a state level.
 4. Mandy Project helps 131 families.
 5. Educational Scholarships for Grange members and family members.
 6. Leadership scholarships.
 7. Establishing Local volunteer fire departments by local Granges.
 8. Raising funds to purchase a Hearing Ear Dog for deaf couple with twins.
 9. Local Grange raises funds to build a helicopter pad.
 10. Local Grange builds community spring (water).
 11. Local Grange buildings are community centers.
 12. Junior Granges for children ages 5-14.
 13. Family organization.
 14. Sponsor/support 4-H clubs.
 15. Sponsor/support Boy Scouts.
 16. Sponsor/support Girl Scouts.
 17. Sponsor/support FFA.
 18. Florissant Grange assists area to get connected to IREA.
 19. Youth recognized and given travel opportunities.
 20. Over \$56,000 given to families of children with hearing loss.
 21. Community service programs generate more than 1 million volunteer hours annually.
 22. National Grange working to ensure rural broadband access to rural communities.
 23. Local Granges adopt sections of State Highways and keep them clean.
 24. Local Grange provides water and rest stop for bike riders on mountain road.
 25. Grangers provide bibs for elderly.
- Please send me your additions. We're up to 75 with this list, be sure your Grange's accomplishments are a part of the list of 150. Send ideas to hcrdgreer@frontier.net or 7629 C.R. 100, Hesperus, CO 81326. You can even text the to 970-749-8108.

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Lecturer's Creative And Performing Arts

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My focus this year is to suggest resources for subordinate programs. One aspect of the Lecturer's Program that may help Subordinate Lecturers create a program is the Grange's emphasis on performing arts. The State and National Lecturer Departments sponsor vocal, instrumental and variety act showcases at both State and National Conventions. You could sponsor a talent show at your Grange too. So, I thought I would detail these programs.

The Best of Show entry from each State Grange will be eligible to perform at the Evening of Excellence held at the National Grange Convention. Each state can send one entry. Ours is chosen at the State Talent Show on Saturday evening of State Session. National Grange will award \$100 to the state winner toward expenses for performing at the National Convention and the State Grange Lecturer's Department, along with the generosity of PICK, will also help to defray costs.

The National Grange Evening of Excellence (EoE) in 2017 will be held on Friday, November 10, 2017, at the INB Performing Arts Center in Spokane, Washington. This, obviously, is a performing arts center, so the acts will be in a beautiful setting on a permanent stage complete with professional stage lighting and sound. Every performer will enjoy performing at the National venue this year. Unfortunately, our State stage is portable

and light and sound are what they are. The acts at National will be judged by the audience using a live-voting app. At State, judges will decide the Best of Show. The acts will be held to a 5 minute time limit including time to set up and take down. There is no minimum time limit.

Here is a rule directly from National which will be practiced at the State level also. "Remember that all acts are representing their State Grange, and presentation is a major component of any performance, so please dress and act appropriately. Any act deemed inappropriate will be stopped immediately." The controversy here becomes who deems it inappropriate and what is inappropriate...a conflict that raged with two acts at our state show last year. So, lecturers if you could vet your entry and clue them in that there are standards of acceptability, it would help.

At the National level there is no category for "Joke Telling" so that category will not be eligible for "Best of Show" unless it is presented as a variety act. Also Public Speaking and Sign-a-Song are part of the Youth Department and winners are selected to perform at National at Regional Conferences. Consequently, these categories also will not be eligible for Best of Show from our State.

So, hopefully, you have some talent at your Grange that you can highlight some evening and then share with State and, hopefully, with National.

Tune In To Junior Grange

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As we reflect on the winter, and all of the fun activities that we did with our kids and other junior Grangers, what sticks out in your mind? Was it a fun day inside putting a puzzle together, or maybe a day on the slopes skiing, boarding or sledding, or possibly just a day full of fun movies with the kids? No matter what you did with kids, hopefully it was fun. Time spent with children is never wasted. That's why we would like to ask what kind of special activities your Subordinate Grange has been doing to attract kids? It could be as simple as having a waffle night or ice-cream sundae night with lots of yummy toppings that kids would love.

Now then let's turn to merit badges! What merit badges do your juniors want to earn? Have you ever taken the time to sit down with your JGers and see which badges they really, really, really want? You can get a full list of the merit badges at: <http://www.nationaljuniorgrange.org/level-1-manual-ages-5-to-9/>. Merit badges are a great way to help children learn to speak in front of a group, or put a presentation together. They also help children and parents to hone their research skills, and let's not forget about how much fun we can have learning about something new!!

In light of the fact that 2016 was a Presidential election year let's look at the "Team Up America" badges. In this category there are badges for "Your State," "Military," "Favorite Sport," "Presidents," "United States Flag," "City/Town/County Officials." We would like to encourage every Junior Granger to take on the "United States Flag" badge, then post your picture of the previous flags on our Colorado State JG Facebook Page. Who knows if we get enough pictures we might have some sort of contest to see whose pictures get the most "Likes."

Who's excited about spring and summer? I know we are!! What kind of fun trips or activities do you have planned? What types of activities should the Colorado State Junior



Grange do? All of these questions and guess what? We need help answering them! As leaders we would like to provide all of the juniors throughout the State of Colorado with great opportunities to meet fellow JGers across the state and have lots of fun while learning some cool new stuff. Please tell us what your kids would like to do with the Junior Grange and we'll see what we can do help make that a possibility.

One more thing that we would like to do is raise some funds for the State JG; any ideas for a good fundraiser? Please email your ideas to djbngreer@live.com, message us on Facebook, or send us good old fashioned letter to 7633 County Road 100, Hesperus CO 81326. We are looking forward to hearing from you!!

Remember that as we "rush" through life kids are like a sponge. They might not clean things as well as a sponge, but they absorb everything around them. Our actions influence children around us every day. Be cautious of your actions and the words you speak. You might say nice things all day long and the one "bad" thing that comes out of your mouth is the one thing that a child will repeat.

**Plan Now To Attend
The 2017
State Session In
Colorado Springs
September 21-23!**



Family & Women's Activities

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We have received information about the new quilt block events from National Grange. The period of the contest runs from January 1, 2017-September 15, 2017. Judging will be done prior to National Grange Session. Since our State Grange Session is held just one week before they are due, Sept. 30, it may be best to send

your entry directly to National Grange. The idea behind the contest is to create a vehicle for our members and those who have not yet joined the Grange to share their creative talents. Small monetary prizes will be awarded. Items will be on display at the 151st Annual National Grange Convention in Spokane, Washington, in

November 2017, and sold to raise funds for the Grange Foundation. The entry form can be found on the National Grange website. All entries will be given proper credit and awards. If you request a tax donation form for your contribution use tax form 561.

Group I Adult Section I Fabric Unfinished Quilt Block

- Garden Path Pattern using greens and browns with accent colors reminiscent of the earth and agriculture.
- Pattern instructions are available on the National Grange website, www.nationalgrange.org under the "News" tab, find the New Grange E-newsletter for Jan. 2017.
- The block must come UNFINISHED and measure 10 1/2" x 10 1/2".

P.I.C.K.

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April 1 — Capital Improvement Grant applications due.

I finally found the right forms to apply for a sales tax exempt license. PICK now has a sales tax exempt license, which will save us some money when we are required to pay sales tax.

Capital improvement project grant application are due April 1. That way we have time to apply to foundations.

Granges who have utilized PICK to collect funding from their local community and local businesses will need to complete a simple grant application in order to receive the funds back. This will help PICK to not be a pass through in the eyes of the IRS.

We may be expanding our areas for helping children and their families. We have interest from members to have funds available to help families who have children with CHD or cancer. These things will be handled similarly to the Mandy Project, with different coordinators.

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As I write this, expressions of love are being sent, purchased and given all over the USA. You may have participated in showing love on Valentine's Day. If my family and friends were asked, would they say I am a loving person? Do I say that I am? If so, then I must ask myself some other questions:

Do I give up on people? Do I care more for others than for myself? Do I want what I don't have, whether it is material things or returned affection and approval? Do I strut and have a swelled head? Do I force myself on others? Is my way of operating "me first?" Do I fly off the handle? Do I keep score of the faults/sins of others? Do I revel when others grovel? Do I take pleasure in the flowering of truth? Do I put up with anything, always trusting God? Do I always look for the best, never looking back, keeping on to the end?

All those attributes and actions are in the "love chapter" of the Bible, I Corinthians 13 (The Message translation). Paul says in this letter to the Corinthians—and to us—that if we don't love, we're nothing but the creaking of a rusty gate, and whatever we do gets us nowhere. We are bankrupt without love, and we should love

extravagantly. So...are you loving?

I learned recently that Past State Master John Hagen had hip surgery. I understand he's recovering, but we send our earnest wishes for complete and quick wellness. Margaret Sutton and her daughters (and families) in Mount Allison Grange are learning to live without their patriarch, Jim Sutton. We send sincere condolences.

Please continue to let me know when someone in our Grange family needs to know we care about them. I love sending cards!

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:

William & Grace Rateuke
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(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.)

Publicity

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The focus of this issue's article is on Grange Month. The longtime members of Grange are familiar with April being designated as Grange Month. For the newer members, this is the month that has been set aside as a month to emphasize Grange – to get people into your halls and show them what the Grange is all about.

There is a plethora of resources available to you at the National Grange website (<http://www.nationalgrange.org/Grange-month-2017/>). Some of these resources are:

- 2017 Grange Month Proclamation (I suggest downloading this and sending this to your local papers.)
- Grange Month Cover Letter
- Grange Month Poster (letter size)

There is also a theme this year that was brainstormed at the National Grange Convention last November. The theme of "What Will We Do

When the Do-ers Are Gone?" can be an integral part of your Grange month — highlighting what Grangers DO.

The following is taken from the National Grange website:

One hundred fifty years — what a milestone! This year's Grange Month should be filled with celebrations in every Grange, coast to coast! We have a proud history of supporting, educating, advocating, and entertaining rural Americans. Very few organizations last for 150 years so this is our time to celebrate.

Our theme for 2017 is "What Will We Do When the Do-ers Are Gone?" In other words, who will take your place when you are no longer able to volunteer and serve your Grange as you are now?

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Agriculture Report

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by David H. McCord,
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Colorado's Principal
Agricultural Commodities

The following is an abbreviated summation of Colorado Department of Agriculture data published in the first edition, 2017, of *Cultivating Colorado*, also available online, and I encourage Grangers to subscribe. See: COagriculture.com.

Leading products:

- Cattle, \$ 4 billion
- Dairy, \$664 million
- Corn, \$498 million
- Hay, \$398 million
- Wheat, \$359 million

Cattle

This largest segment of agriculture in Colorado contributes \$4 billion in annual cash receipts.

Corn

Grown for livestock feed and other uses with more than a million acres dedicated to corn across our state, corn supplies raw materials for feed, fuel, and biodegradable products in the U.S and internationally.

Dairy

Nearly 3 billion pounds of milk are produced from dairy farms with nearly a half billion dollars in annual cash receipts. Again, the state's climate

with average temperature in the 50s and 60s is a perfect environment for raising dairy cows.

Fruit And Vegetables

Including peaches, apples, melons, sweet corn, chilies, potatoes, lettuce, and more, Colorado grows a wide variety of fruit and vegetables yielding nearly \$670 million each year.

Hay

This is an essential agricultural crop providing feed and seed that sustains overall agriculture in Colorado, across the U.S. and worldwide, 1.5 million acres are in alfalfa, grass, and mixes.

Nursery And Greenhouse

Worth \$1.8 billion to the state's economy, greenhouse and nurseries provide seeds, plants and other resources to the state's agricultural landscape, primarily growing landscaping products like flowers, bushes, trees, ground cover and more. (Note that the "Green Industries" is represented on the Ag Council.)

Potatoes

The San Luis Valley has a rich history of potato farming and Colorado is the second largest shipper of fresh potatoes in the U.S. yielding more than 2 billion pounds of potatoes annually (with a large export to Mexico). Colorado also leads in dis-

covering and growing new varieties of potatoes (check your local market for a wide selection of unique potatoes).

Poultry

Our hens lay more than a billion eggs each year. Our egg and poultry producers are at the forefront of innovative poultry handling and egg processing.

Sheep And Lambs

Colorado is one of five top producers of lamb year after year. Our climate and geography allow lamb raising with consistently tender meat no matter what time of year.

Swine

Our hog farmers use new, innovative practices and better feed to raise and process lean, yet tender meat resulting in pork that is 16 percent leaner and contains 27 percent less saturated fat than it did 20 years ago.

Wheat

More than 2 million acres of wheat are planted and harvested each year making the crop one of Colorado's top agricultural commodities and Colorado consistently ranks high nationally as a wheat-producing state.

Wine

Colorado wines have won national and international competitions in-

cluding the World Riesling Cup and the prestigious Jefferson Cup. The Colorado Wine Industry Development Board funds research through Colorado State University and promotes all wines made in the state. (Note that I attempted to gain interest by the Board to join the Ag Council but they declined.)

The hemp industry is not listed nor is the medical and recreational pot industry. The creation of a certified hemp seed program has been accomplished through the state's Department of Agriculture noting too that it remains illegal under federal regulation to ship hemp seeds across state lines so we are left to develop our own. Commercial hemp seed food products, largely from Canada, are sold in grocery stores here. Per news stories, the Colorado pot industry yielded gross revenue of \$1.3 billion in 2016.

Drought Outlook

As of mid-January, the mountain snowpack is at 156 percent of average, a favorable change from two months ago when snowpack was well short of normal. However, the eastern plains remain in some level of drought, 20 percent of the state, and,

due to dryness and high winds, grass fires have been a problem among Front Range communities. El Niño conditions are projected to develop and should favor increased precipitation; it is unclear if this will be a strong event

by John Hagen,

CSG Agriculture Co-Director

The Beulah Hill fire in early October destroyed seven homes and several outbuildings, the grass in a vast ranch area and several animals were unable to escape the swirling wind driven flames.

Colorado State Grange, through the Emergency Relief Fund, established many years ago to assist in losses suffered by ranchers and farmers, used some of the funds to provide some relief to two local ranchers who suffered losses in this fire.

February 8, 2017, Colorado State Grange, awarded The Russell and Miller families with \$1,500 each to assist them in recovering from the devastation of the fire. The awards were followed by lunch, prepared by John and Trudy Hagen, and visiting with the families. The Executive Committee held their regular meeting immediately following the luncheon.

Membership

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Hello, fellow Grangers. Did you wear out your snow shovels this winter? Well, spring is almost here and our Grange year is in full swing. As you finalize plans for your Grange events, I encourage you to find ways to promote membership, especially at community events. How? Perhaps a table with membership brochures, your community service book from last year displayed and list of projects and events your Grange has planned for the year. Maybe a sign-up sheet so that community members can sign up to help with an event. As folks see that they can help serve the community through Grange, they may be more likely to join.

April is Grange month so it's a great time to promote membership. That's one idea, but your Grange may have some great ideas to promote membership. Share your ideas via email with me, and I may be able to include them in a future article in the *Granger*.

Below is the info and changes for the Handbook this year. I am sorry the changes did not get in the 2017 Handbook but take a look at the info below and see how your Grange and Grangers can receive recognition for mem-

bership efforts this year.

Meet the challenge! What is the challenge? Five new members this year!

The Colorado State Grange membership program will offer recognition and rewards to Granges for new members joining September 1, 2016-August 31, 2017. The Subordinate/community Grange with the most net members will be recognized, as well as the top five recruiters. A form like the one sent out last year will be sent to report your membership to me. Please fill it out completely and return it to me by mail, email or give it to me on the first day of State Session. If you mail it be sure send as early as you can in September so that it will arrive at my home before the week of State Session.

To summarize, you may be recognized in three ways:

- 1) Granges that get a least five new members,
- 2) the Subordinate/community Grange with the most net members,
- 3) the top five individual recruiters.

Remember, ask someone to join your Grange. YOU can make a difference. New members make your Grange stronger.

Great Plains Regional Leadership Conference

Kansas is the host state for this year's Great Plains Leadership Conference June 23-25. The conference will be held in Lawrence, Kansas, at the DoubleTree. Registration fees are as follows: \$75 for ages 14 and up, \$30 for ages 13 and below. Registration deadline is April 21. Registration forms are to be sent to Mandy Bostwick, 9578 110th Street, Ozawkie, KS 66070. Checks are to be made payable to: Kansas State Grange Youth/Young Adults.

The conference includes workshops for Youth, Juniors, Lecturers and Membership. The Youth will be participat-

ing in challenge course activities at Adams Campus. National Youth Director will be conducting a workshop; there will be workshops on Code Reading, 150th celebration, and others. The Sign a Song, and Public Speaking contests will be held Saturday evening.

The DoubleTree rate is \$109 per night plus tax. Additional information will be available later. Motel reservations must be made by May 31. Mention Kansas State Grange when making reservations.

Contact hcrdgreer@frontier.net for forms (sample below).

2017 Great Plains Regional Conference

June 23-25

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Participating as:

_____ Junior (5-14) _____ Youth/Young Adult (14-35)

_____ Lecturer/Membership/Other

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Impromptu Speech _____ ages 13-19 _____ ages 20-29 _____ ages 30+

Junior Prepared Speech _____

Sign-A-Song

_____ Novice _____ Hobbyist _____ Expert _____ Group _____ Junior (ages 8-14)

Sign the Alphabet (ages 8-14 only) _____

Send completed registration forms and money to:

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Mandy Project

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We haven't received any new applications since the last *Granger*. That's not unusual. We always receive more applications at the beginning of the new school year as that is when many kids get tested for hearing, and eyesight.

I'd like to encourage your Grange to consider having a special fund raiser for the Mandy Project. Funds can either be sent to the State office or to PICK at 7629 C.R. 100, Hesperus, CO 81326. Please make checks out to

PICK, and not the Mandy project. You can put a note on the check.

We have provided information to National on our project so maybe just maybe there will be information in the new Grange magazine *Good Day* that came out recently.

If you know of anyone who has a child with hearing loss please be sure to give them information about the Mandy Project. If you need brochures, let me know and I'll send you as many as you want.

Granger Deadline And Guidelines

April 15, 2017, is the deadline for articles for the May-June 2017 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)

HISTORY OF THE GRANGE

More Recent History Of Women In The Grange

by Jeanne Davies, Historian
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In the past articles I wrote about women in Grange and noted the times in the 1800s when Grange was just forming. By later 1800s and early 1900s the women were not just sitting listening to the business of the Grange meetings but were projecting their thoughts and writing papers on the households, education and health and their communities. Some of the women were being elected to leadership positions in the local Grange such as Lecturers who guided the programming and actually lectured on major subjects, Secretaries who were taking the notes and keeping the records of the meetings, and subsequently as Master, (or as we call that office now, President) of their Grange. In the last article on the history, I wrote about where the name "Grange" came from and also how our officer positions were named.

There were women in the Grange who were already prominent in their community and wanted to bring their views and ideas for action to the Grange. There were women who came right off the farmstead and had thoughts on their children's education and health and how to better their households and farms, keeping of records and that sort of thing. So it

was a good mix and added to the richness of the Grange and to its distinction and influence in the community and across the country.

Grange women were being elected to more of the leadership offices of the Grange but not so much at State Grange level. In the early 1900s there were two State Grange women Masters, however, Minnesota had the first one, she was actually elected in 1895. Wyoming had the second woman Master. There were more women as Lecturers and Secretaries elected in those years. After those first two women Masters it was quite a while before there were other women elected as State Grange Master.

I am not going to use a lot of names from the past but I want to tell you about one Grange woman because she was from Colorado. She was born in 1865 and came to this country from Silesia when she was 16. Her name was Agnes Riddle. She lived in the east for a while and then went to St. Louis where she took nursing and domestic science. She then moved to Colorado, married a dairy farmer and worked in a hospital.

She taught Sunday school, preached, became the Colorado State Grange Secretary, was on the board of Colorado's Agricultural College, and became a Legislator. She was the first woman legislator in Colorado and the first Grange woman elected to a legislature anywhere. She was extremely interested in agriculture and while in the Senate she advocated for a women's building on the college campus and championed programs and funding for the rural area needs. She many times would do farm chores before going into Denver to the Senate.

At National Grange level the wo-

men's activities were becoming more dominant. There were National contests in the domestic arts, sewing and baking, knitting, etc. and deaf activities became especially important. After many successful years participation dropped in these areas and women began to take on leadership roles. Women delegates to the National Grange Sessions were becoming the secretaries to committees and committee chairmen. They presented the committee's report and defended the committee action. They were speaking out on issues as they arose at convention.

In the 1980s new leadership roles were being taken on by women at National Grange. Joanne Passmore of Delaware became the first woman Secretary of National Grange. Mary Buffington, who had served as Woman's Activity Chairman several years, was elected the first woman Lecturer of the National Grange and Jeanne Davies who was the first woman State Master in Colorado, became the first woman elected to the Executive Committee of National Grange and then the first woman Overseer.

Soon after Cindy Greer, now Colorado State Master (President) was National Youth Director for several years. Recently there have been many more women Secretaries and Lecturers at National Grange. We now have the first woman Master (President) of the National Grange, Betsy Huber, of Pennsylvania. A truly historic occurrence.

Information taken from *Women of The Grange: Mutuality and Sisterhood in Rural America, 1865-1920* by Donald B. Marti and personal knowledge and research.

2017 National Quilted Item Contest

The National Grange Quilt block contest is one key to help us share the celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the National Grange in 2017. The idea behind the contest is to create a vehicle for our members and those who have not yet joined the Grange to share their creative talents. Small monetary prizes will be awarded. Please check back with your State Lecturer or the National Lecturer for more details.

Rules

A. The period of the contest runs from January 1, 2017, until September 15, 2017, deadline for submissions is September 30, 2017 to the National Lecturer Amanda Leigh Brozana, c/o National Grange, 1616 H St. NW, Washington, DC 20006.

B. Judging will be done prior to National Grange Session.

C. Any entries received after the deadline will not be judged, however, they will be exhibited at the National Grange Session in Washington, D.C.

D. All entries will be retained by the National Grange to be displayed at the Quilt Show associated with the 151st Annual National Grange Convention in Spokane, Wash., in November 2017. All items will be on display and for sale during the event to raise funds for the Grange Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit entity. Upon submission, you will receive a donation letter from the Grange Foundation acknowledging your donation and encouraging you to provide it to your tax adviser or to use IRS Publication 561: Determining the Value of Donated Property to understand what you may be able to claim as a tax-deductible contribution. All entries will be given proper credit and awards.

Group I – Adult

Section 1 – Fabric Unfinished Quilt Block

2017 – Spiderweb Star, greens and browns, 12" x 12"

The 2017 Quilt Block Pattern is the SPIDERWEB STAR in Greens and Browns with accent colors reminiscent of the earth and agriculture. The pattern to use can be found at <http://www.mccallsquilting.com/patterns/details.html?id=8325>. The block

must come UNFINISHED and measure 12" x 12".

Section 2 –

Finished Fabric Quilted Items

Class A – Finished table runner – no larger than 18" x 60"

Class B – Finished Quilted Pillow – no larger than 18" x 18"

Class C – Quilted Wall Hanging – no larger than 48" x 48"

Class D – Quilted Coffee Cozy (Suggestion: <http://stitchwerx.net/wp-content/uploads/2012/02/S304BasicCupCozy.pdf>)

Class E – Quilted Crib/Baby Quilt – no larger than 45" x 54"

Group II –

Junior Grange Member

2017 – Garden Path – green, gold and white (accents of blue may also be used) Pattern may be found at: <http://www.mccallsquilting.com/patterns/details.html?id=15047>

Section 1 – Fabric Unfinished Quilt Block

12" x 12"

Section 2 –

Quilted Potholder

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NOTE: Finished means batted and backed.

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DAY 2 — TOUR farms and ranches. Learn issues and realities of agriculture production from the trenches. Natural resources, including water and the environment are among the topics covered. (8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.)

DAY 3 — TOUR and BBQ

LOOK, VISIT & LEARN — tour farms, ranches and food production facilities.

MEET THE PEOPLE INVOLVED: Evening barbeque to meet your hosts for Thursday. (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)

DAY 4 — WALK IN ANOTHER PERSON'S BOOTS — What, irrigation boots? You can be a farmer or rancher for one day; hands-on ... really, hands-on. This is an opportunity for you to interact one-on-one, learn by experience. Former institute participants say this is the best day. You will meet your host(s) at the Wednesday evening barbeque and determine time and location. (Length of day varies)

DAY 5 — FOOD, LAND & PEOPLE WORKSHOP — A natural conclusion to the week with the Food, Land & People program and resources. (8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.)

* Schedule customized for each course/location.

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Darden
Jefferson County

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

May 6 — 10 a.m. Darden Pomona Grange meets at Wheat Ridge Grange to plan Grange 150-year birthday celebration to be held in July. Bring your ideas to the meeting! Potluck to follow.

July will be a Grange 150-year celebration with Darden Pomona Granges. Details are still being worked out so watch the next Granger for time and place.

Darden Pomona Grange met at Wheat Ridge Grange Feb. 6 with Marlys Halbeisen opening the meeting. She gave the Community Service report on the many generous donations that were made to various groups in our community at Christmas time. \$200 was given to Shannon's Hope in Arvada; coats, hats, mittens and 30-lbs. of toiletries were given to Catholic Charities; and lap robes, and other items were given to Mountain Vista Home in Wheat Ridge. This made the season much brighter for many who are less fortunate than we are.

Treat bags were taken to four of our longtime members who were not able to attend the Christmas Party in December: Lena Baughman, Dave and Edyth Brown and Doris Bruntz.

Mike Lackey, Legislative Committee, reported that EPA says they are not responsible for the cleanup of the spill into the river.

Idella Lewis, Agriculture Committee, reported that there are many new varieties of seeds coming out but some still prefer the heirloom varieties. If anyone does not have space to have a garden try planting seeds in a pot. Many vegetables have attractive leaves that look fine along with flowers. Seed companies try to sell new seeds each year but some of the older seeds still sprout just fine. Test in a moist container first.

Darden Pomona Grange is planning to celebrate the 150th year of Grange by having a celebration birthday party in July. Details are still being worked out so watch the next Granger for more information. This year we will have the birthday celebration in July instead of the annual Grange Week Banquet in April.

Hobby Night was held following the potluck dinner with members showing things they have made. Marlys Halbeisen showed a beautifully embroidered sweatshirt of Disney



Dorothy Dannels, Carol Lackey, Leonard Dannels and Pam Campbell at The Polish Pottery Outlet in Englewood.

characters she made with her embroidery machine. Dorothy Dannels made some cute craft items using a glove which included Dalmation dogs and chicks on feathered nests and candleholders of glassware. Leonard Dannels brought several wooden walking sticks he has fashioned out of elm and ash wood. Idella Lewis shared some "yo-yo" quilt circles which can be made into a variety of items including quilts, table runners, and purses. We have some very talented Grangers!

Idella Lewis

Enterprise

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

March 8 — Potluck at 6:30 p.m. Our theme will be St. Paddy's Day. Think Green! And Irish! Ed Talbot will be our speaker. He was a member of an Earthwatch team that worked in Peru's flooded Amazon region to conserve the wildlife in the area. The wildlife consists of pink river dolphins, primates, macaws, giant otters, exotic fish, etc. Please feel free to come and enjoy this journey with us and Ed. Business Meeting to follow.

April 12 — Community Service Night. Potluck at 6:30 p.m. with the ceremony and entertainment to follow.

May 10 — Potluck at 6:30 p.m. Theme is Cinco de Mayo. Program TBD. Business Meeting to follow.

On January 11, we had Leonard Dannels as our speaker. He researched the history of Poland so we were all better prepared to appreciate our field trip this month. Leonard did his job and prepared us on the rich Polish history. He explained that from 1795 until 1918, no truly independent Polish state existed. The Polish Republic was established in 1918. It existed as an independent state until 1939, when Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union destroyed it in their invasion of Poland at the beginning of World War II. Millions of Polish citizens, especially the Jews and the Gypsies, perished in the course of the Nazi occupation of Poland between 1939 and 1945. In 1945, the Nazis retreated and the Allies reconstructed Poland's geographic center. By the late 1980s, the Polish reform movement, Solidarity, was crucial in bringing about a peaceful transition from a communist state to a capitalist economic system and a liberal parliamentary democracy. This process resulted in the creation of the modern Polish State founded in 1989. We sure learned a lot about Polish history. Thank you, Leonard, for a job well done.

Several Grangers met on January 13 to participate in a field trip to The Polish Pottery Outlet in Englewood. The outlet gave us a tour and information on the process of making Polish Pottery. It is gorgeously well-crafted and considered to be "functional art" with every piece unique and beautiful. We discovered that pottery production requires a great deal of commitment, endurance and hard work. Clays used are of natural origins. Each stage translates to product quality. All products are hand molded. Bisque is then fired and goes to a skilled worker who meticulously cleans, decorates the piece and gives it a final glaze. The firing takes between 10 to 20 hours depending on the size of the item and its glazing technique. Product decoration is the most time consuming aspect of the process because they are all hand-painted individually. The finished pieces are amazing and we couldn't help but to take home one or two. After our tour, we enjoyed lunch at the Golden Corral.

During our February meeting, we shared Valentine cards, candy, roses and warm wishes with each other. Our speaker was from the new Arvada Community Garden, Mr. Abercrombie. The garden is in the First United Church's empty lot across the street from the Grange. They have worked with the City of Arvada and Denver Urban Gardens for several years to establish the gardens. Last year we started to get involved in a very limited way. It was the first year when garden plots were available. This year, Enterprise Grange is signing up for a garden plot and will help to make the Garden Grow!

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.

March 25 — Maple Grove Annual Benefit Breakfast Sat. 8-10 a.m.

April 6 — Community Night at Maple Grove Grange Potluck at 6:30 p.m. with presentation to follow. Everyone invited to attend!

Maple Grove Grange is inviting everyone to attend the annual benefit breakfast held at Maple Grove Grange on Saturday, March 25 from 8-10 a.m. Cost is by donation and funds raised will benefit the Grange Youth.

We had cold and icy weather in January and February and had to cancel our meetings. We are hoping that March will come in like a lamb so we can meet again!

A collection of coats, hats, mittens and lap robes were taken to Mountain Vista Home in December. Those who are without family were not forgotten.

Congratulations to two of our members who have achieved Gold Sheaf Membership in Maple Grove Grange: Robert Lewis with 50 years and Idella Lewis with 52 years. They both joined Junior Grange at the age of five years old and were active in Junior Grange and Youth Leadership Programs, participating in many Achievement Nights and active in Subordinate Grange. Their parents, Leon and Frances Lewis and grandmother, Ida Lewis were also Gold Sheaf members.

Idella Lewis

Pleasant Park

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

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

April 8 — Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed by Annual Chili Dinner.

May 13 — Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed by Potluck Lunch.

Longtime member Marge Suvada passed away on January 30 after a battle with cancer. She went to be with husband Bill Suvada who passed in June. Our Grange won't be the same without them.

Prayers are needed for Barbara Gray, Sue Allegrezza, Sharon Minick and Jean Kuehster who are dealing with health issues.

Betty Long celebrated her 92nd birthday on February 12. We are so blessed to have her as an active member in our Grange. She continues to be an inspiration to everyone and



Happy Birthday Betty Long!

loves to sew quilts.

Our Treasurer Donna Beck has been nominated by the Conifer Chamber of Commerce for the Norman F. Meyer award for all her volunteer work. The Conifer Historical Society and Museum has been nominated as non-profit of the year. Several of our members started and support this organization.

At the February meeting Denise Patrick gave an interesting presentation on the origin and importance of nutmeg. She even made a couple of dishes for us to share that contained the healthy spice.

The Bicycle Rest Stop will open in April weather permitting. With the mild weather, several riders have been riding up Deer Creek Road and stopping to take a breather anyway.

The Pomona Picnic will be held on June 10 this year.

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 Donna Beck at 303-907-9855 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 2 — Grange Meeting, 3-4 p.m.

March 12 — Pancake Breakfast, 8-10:30 a.m.

March 18 — Community Chili Cook-Off, 5-7 p.m.

April 6 — Grange Meeting, 3-4 p.m.

April 9 — Pancake Breakfast, 8-10:30 a.m.

April 15 - Eggmania and Easter Egg Hunt, 1-3 p.m.

May 4 — Grange Meeting, 3-4 p.m.

May 14 — Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast, 8-10:30 a.m.

May 26 and 27 — Rummage and Bake Sale, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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

Pancake Breakfasts, held on the second Sunday of the month, 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 and kids \$2, but in May Moms eat for free! Treat your mom or grandma to breakfast at the Grange on her special day, Mother's Day, May 14. If you would like to help, call Janet Primmer 303 239-6789.

The First Annual Community Chili Cook-Off will be held on March 18. Several community organizations will compete for the bragging rights to the best Chili in the Canyon. Come and enjoy the good food and vote for your favorite Chili! Let us know if your organization or neighborhood group would like to participate as a contestant.

Eggmania is a fun event for the whole family. We will provide all the egg dyes and other decorating materials. Please bring your hard-boiled eggs to decorate. Why have the mess in your kitchen when you can join us for a marathon egg dying experience. The egg dying is followed by a visit from the Easter Bunny and an Easter Egg Hunt. Free Easter baskets will be distributed to all children who attend.

We are looking forward to our Rummage and Bake Sale in May. Donations will be welcomed the week before the sale. If you have any questions or would like to sign up to help, call Phoebe Reese 303 277-1742.

Yoga classes continue to be a popular offering at the Golden Gate Grange. We have several fellows who are regular attendees, so don't be shy fellows...join us for Yoga!

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

Rich Phillips

National Grange Priorities

- Increase Active Membership and Participation at each Community Grange
- Develop New Leaders and give them opportunities at each Community Grange
- Revitalization of Community Granges as a State Priority
- New Community Granges
- Re-emphasize and strengthen the family structure through the Junior & Youth Programs

Priorities adopted by Colorado State Grange



Florissant Grange's pre-Valentine's Brunch on February 11.

Pikes Peak

El Paso and Teller Counties

Florissant

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

March 4 — 9 a.m.-12 p.m.: Pine Needle Basket making class.

March 11 — 9 a.m.-3 p.m.: Spring Craft Show.

April 1 — 1-3 p.m.: Children's Easter Party.

April 15 — 9 a.m.-12 p.m.: Chicken Raising 101 class.

April 29 — 1-3 p.m.: Chili Cook Off/Silent Pie Auction.

After a hectic November and December holiday time, January was very quiet at the Florissant Grange. No events to report on for that month. I'm sure we'll make up for it in the coming months.

We have implemented a new meeting time of 5:30 p.m. for the winter months and we have had very posi-

itive feedback. Our attendance has been very good for the first two months of "trial period" so, it may be here to stay. It seems to be a more agreeable start time for some of our (ahem) more mature members. I know I like it!

Our pre-Valentines Brunch was held on February 11, 10 a.m.-1p.m. We were up against a few other events in the vicinity and still managed to have a good turnout of happy, hungry folks at the Ole Schoolhouse. A huge THANK YOU to all my fellow members who helped decorate, cook, serve etc. The place looked wonderful and the food and atmosphere was great. Many compliments by attendees.

As always, we have our Jam Session/Potluck supper every Thursday evening. Potluck at 6p.m. Music starts at 6:30 p.m. Please feel free to stop by. If you play an instrument join "The Florissant Jammers" for an evening and show off your talents. Always a fun time!

Ed Oppermann

La Plata

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

Florida

Contact Elizabeth Hunter, 970-382-1509, FloridaGrange@yahoo.com, for further information.

Welcome to 2017. We are looking forward to a new year with many new activities for our members.

We had a community dance on February 11 from 7-10 p.m. We served a variety of music and refreshments.

We postponed the gardening class scheduled for March 4 until later in the spring.

We are having a **Chili Cook-off** on **March 11, 2017** and will be open to the public. We will award a cash prize for the best chili as decided by the attendees. We will furnish the garnishes and dessert. So dust off your best chili recipes and we will see you on March 11 at 5 p.m. for the cook-off and games such as Mexican Train and other board or card games.

Elizabeth Hunter

Mt. Allison

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

Upcoming events:

March 5 — Pie and Chili Cook-off @ 4 p.m.

March 20 — monthly business meeting @ 7 p.m. (Grange Hall)

April 15 — Easter Supper (5 until 7 p.m.)

April 17 — monthly business

meeting @ 7 p.m. (Grange Hall)

April 22 — 9 Health Fair @ Ignacio High School (7 until 11 a.m.)

Things sure change in a couple of months weather-wise. In looking back at our *Granger* article from last time, it hadn't snowed to speak of. We're now at 175% of normal on snowpack down here in SW Colorado. It should be an excellent irrigation year for the farmers and ranchers down here.

We had an excellent turnout for the Grinchmas party before Christmas. There were a bunch of kids and over 100 in attendance.

We have a busy spring planned for our Grange. It'll be old news when the paper comes out but we're starting off with a Bunco party and soup swap this Sunday (Feb. 19). Bunco is a fun time and usually gets a few non-Grange members out to the Hall. Looks like a rainy forecast for Sunday so might have a decent crowd.

March will see us having our chili cook-off, along with some pies. Always a good time! Then, in April we'll have our annual Easter Supper along with being a host for the local 9 Health Fair. So — all of this should keep us busy.

We also have sad news to report — longtime Granger, Jim Sutton, passed away February 5. He will be greatly missed by his family and his community of friends.

Larry Corman

IN MEMORIAM James Sutton

James William Sutton, 83, of Allison, Colorado, was called home February 5, 2017, after a short battle with pancreatic cancer.

He was born October 30, 1933, in Hugo, Colorado, to Leslie D. and Beulah M. Sutton. After graduating from Ignacio High School in 1952, James entered into the United States Navy, serving four years. He returned to Allison after his service years to pursue ranching and banking. He married Margaret (Tate) in 1961. They had two daughters.

James is survived by his wife of 55 years, Margaret; daughters: Vickie Sutton Gallegos (David); Judith Becker (Kirk); two grandchildren: Natacia Neil (Ryan), Garretson Becker (Noël) and two great-grandsons: Dayton and Kamden Neil.

Funeral Services were held at 10 a.m. on Sat., February 11, 2017, at the Ignacio High School, 315 Ignacio St. Burial followed at the Allison-Tiffany Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be sent to the Allison Community Presbyterian Church, PO Box 1899, Arboles, CO 81121, or the Mt. Allison Grange, 11173 Hwy 151, Ignacio, CO 81137.

Marvel

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

March ? — Gopher & Mole Eradication program

April 7 — Business Meeting 7:30 p.m.

April 10 — Pomona Meeting — 7:30 p.m.

April ? — Weed Control workshop.

April 21 — Member Recognition/Grange Month.

April 22 — Dryside Quilters.

April 29 — Free Community Breakfast.

We had some snow which resulted in our having to reschedule the Chili Cook-off and Dessert Auction. We did have a crowd of 30 on January 28 at the Chili cook-off. There were six entries in the Chili cook-off. First place was a tie and went to Dave Semadeni and Tom Campion, each one received \$20. Cindy Greer received second place and \$10. Ernie Army and Rusty Greer tied for third place and received \$5 each. Moana Greer had the only green chili entry. Participants enjoyed the chili and some also had hot dogs.

The dessert auction was successful raising over \$600 which will be used to help needy families with their electric bill.

January 30 we had our first workshop. Larry Cordell spoke and demonstrated Small Engines Maintenance and repair. We had a small crowd but everyone enjoyed Larry's presentation and learned some important things.

February brought our annual Luau. Moana Greer and the Sleeping Ukes joined us this year for entertainment.

We had around 80 at our Breakfast on December 31 and around 40 at the New year's Eve Party.

Cindy Greer

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Boulder County

Boulder County

Left Hand

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

Business Meetings at 6 p.m. — March 8, April 12, and May 10.

Music Open Stage — Our monthly Sunday music Open Stage continues through April 2017. These events are hosted by Bruce and Marcia Johnson. Our February 12 Open Stage was

attended by 26 people, including 7 performers. 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 1:15 p.m. and the show runs from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Both performers and listeners are invited to attend! Our remaining dates for this season are March 12, and April 9. We will then break for the summer and then start up again in October.

Bruce Johnson



George Russell performing at the February 12 Music Open Stage.



James Sutton

Ute Mountain
Dolores and Montezuma Counties

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

March 7 — Officers meeting 6 p.m.

March 12 — Community Supper 5:30 p.m.

April 4 — Officers meeting 6 p.m.

April 9 — Community Supper.

The Martin Luther King Annual Community Breakfast brought a record number of local citizens to the Grange hall to help celebrate the memory of Martin Luther King. In addition to displaying a beautiful collection of photographs and other treasured memorabilia, we enjoyed a bountiful breakfast, and included two of our local 4th and 5th grade classes at the event.

During our annual retreat in January we laid out our goals and objectives for the coming year. Among other things we discussed fundraising activities aimed at keeping the lights on, what we will remain focused on to serve our community, bringing relevant educational programs to our members, and how we will celebrate our 100-year birthday as Mount Lookout Grange. A banner noting this celebration is already in place in front of the Hall. More details will follow as the celebration events are organized.

The Food Pantry and commercial kitchen expansion project construction has begun, and we are quite excited to watch this dream become a reality. We look forward to its completion possibly as soon as early summer.

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Colorado Pork Producers Elect New Officers

Contact: Joyce Kelly, jkelly@copork.org

The Colorado Pork Producers Council met Jan. 21 to elect new board of directors officers and Pork Act Delegates for the 2018 Pork Forum.

The new state officers, which will serve for the next two years, are President Roc Rutledge, Vice President Kep Proctor, and Treasurer Chad Franke.

Rutledge, along with his family, farms a diversified farming operation in Yuma, Colorado and raises con-

tract hogs for Smithfield Hog Production. He lives in Yuma with his wife Mellani and is expecting twins in April.

Proctor, a native of Rocky Ford, Colorado, is employed by Mountain Prairie LLC, a division of Hormel Hog Production, in Las Animas. He has held several positions within the organization and is most recently serving as farm manager and support services manager. Proctor and his wife Amy live in Rocky Ford with their son Jake. Chad Franke lives in Roggen, Col-

orado, and is active as vice president of the Colorado Rocky Mountain Farmers Union. He and his family raise custom-fed Berkshire hogs for niche markets within Colorado. Chad and his wife Carolyn have two kids who are active in the hog operation.

During the meeting 2018 Pork Act delegates were also elected. Delegates and alternate delegates for the Pork

Forum in March of 2018 include Tyler Hodgson, JBS Pork; J.B. Chapman, Legacy Genetics; Kep Proctor, Mountain Prairie, LLC; and Roc Rutledge, Triple R Farms.

For more information on Colorado Pork Producers Council and pork production in Colorado, contact Joyce Kelly, Executive Director, at jkelly@copork.org or call 970-356-4964.

Progressive
Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas & Elbert Counties

Contact Judy Harrison, 720-532-2787, for further information.

Progressive Pomona met in Dec. at Garden Home. After a delicious lunch we held our meeting. We all missed Roberta Rehfeld who had been our lecturer and friend for many years.

We collected food for the empty plate project at our meeting.

Judy Harrison

Castlewood

Contact Secretary Joyce Mountain, 303-756-0937, or Joan Hill, 303-648-3104, for further information.

We had an emergency meeting on

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.

January 22 as we have been informed that Arapahoe Urban Drainage has done some rework on Cottonwood Creek that runs by our building. This rework causes us to be in the 100-year flood plain and FEMA is recommending that we acquire floodplain insurance before the plan becomes final on February 17. The information is being presented to our insurance company to determine our best path forward.

We are working toward hosting learning seminars on how food is produced and how it is delivered to our tables. These seminar outings will be offered to other Granges and to the public. Dates to be determined.

Joyce Mountain

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

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Marvel JGs

Contact: Cindy Greer hcrdgreer@frontier.net, or Jenna Greer djbngreer@live.com, or 970-588-3386 for further information.

Meeting the Second Tuesday at 5 p.m. at Marvel Grange

We practiced opening the Grange in full form in January, made our textile craft and served a sr. citizen lunch. Cindy Greer

National Grange Has A New And Improved Grange Store

Links to both the Grange Store @Monroe Classic and the Grange Supplies Store @National Grange are below and on the National Grange website.

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