



# FLYING FARMERS & RANCHERS

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## PRESIDENT VIRGINIA BUEHLER



2018

December 4 Christmas Party  
Johnston Dinner Theater CO

2019

February 7 – 10  
Heartland Convention  
Kersey, CO

August IFF Convention  
Wichita, KS.

## Greetings from Colorado,

Two thousand eighteen harvest is in the books. We planted millet instead of corn this year so time will tell if it was a better choice or not. We might have some custom corn to harvest but we have all our crops done.

Howard had been out planting wheat in Akron with Brad. Howard and Cody are now planting triticale for a local dairy on our dry land. We will sell the crop to them and then they cut and bale themselves. Next Howard and Cody will be prepping the fields for next years crops.

As for myself, I have always made a quilt for all of the grandkids when they get married, so this is where I am spending my time and just breaking to take lunch to the guys.

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Mark your calendars! Our Christmas party will be December 4th at the Candlelight dinner playhouse; 4747 Marketplace Dr, Johnstown. We received a 10% discount on our tickets, so our final cost with tax is, \$54.84 each. Scrooge the musical will be playing.

Here are a few hotel options:

Best Western  
5542 E, US-34  
Loveland 970-667-7810

Wingate by Wyndham  
5360 Ronald Reagan Blvd  
Johnstown 970-729-8763

Comfort Suites  
4851 Thompson Pkwy  
Johnstown 970-663-3300

I am also working on the Heartland convention 2019,

Until next time,

Virginia

Date and location are set for the upcoming 2019 convention.

February 7 - 10, 2019  
Cobblestone Inn & Suites Kersey  
309 Hill Street  
Kersey, Colorado 80644  
970-351-9411  
[Kersey@staycobblestone.com](mailto:Kersey@staycobblestone.com)

The block of rooms are being held until February 1. Please block early to reserve a ground floor room as there are no elevators. Our tours will leave by 12:30pm on Friday.

The hotel is right by highway 34 as you enter Kersey.

If you have any questions give me a call at 970-532-2349.

Your president,

Virginia Buehler

FROM YOUR EDITOR

I enjoy doing the newsletter but have to apologize to our president for being so late getting the news out for the Christmas party.

It is times like this you could use a different editor. Bill having his accident, all of the appointments I had to attend with him and just everything connected to these last three months has proven to be just a little bit too much for me.

We had a huge rain earlier which put all of the harvest at a stand still. Some of the farmers in the area got the beans harvested before the next rain but **some didn't. Corn harvest has been very slow due to the NE weather. October 14th we had 4" of snow.** They are harvesting corn again now for how



long we don't know. More rain predicted.

## PATTERN CHATTER

by Darrell Lemons



29 September 2018 in Pagosa Springs, CO at the west approach to Wolf Creek pass was the location and time to celebrate an anniversary of Darrell & Phyllis Lemons. Time to favor the work of Burl & Cathy Scherler. It was time to witness the fall tree colors and majestic mountain peaks over 14,000 ft. elevation of which there are 54 of these pecks in Colorado.

Members of Heartland Flying Farmers and guests from Oklahoma and Alaska boarded the vehicle to tour Saturday morning and rode to a sight to relax and review nature's spectacular creation of scenery while enjoying a tasty sandwich, and a drink of a fruity flavor. Colors to behold in the valleys of surrounding mountains a moment to remember for tomorrow it will be history.

Pagosa springs where a person can enjoy a pool of warm or hot (100 average) moment of bathing in natural chemicals in accommodations that are open year round. Saturday pm members enjoyed an evening meal while Phyllis and Darrell and son Darrin (guest) enjoyed a milk shake because of Phyllis's tripping over a curb and spending time in the ER. Sunday was departure time after a day of color viewing at Pagosa Springs, CO.

Thanks to Burl and Cathy for the week end arrangements.

Editors note: Picture borrowed from Facebook.

**So sorry we couldn't attend this wonderful tour. See the Care network page** for an update on the Bungers.



**HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

We have so much to be thankful for!



## CARE NETWORK

### GET WELL SOON

#### BILL BUNGER



Bill had another 3rd stroke since the last report plus a brain bleed. This time his left hand was affected losing strength but has gained some of that back.

I brought him home October 23rd. Very happy to be back home after 3 months in the care home and being hospitalized three different times.

He is getting Home Health for a while until they are sure he can do stairs, etc. Is doing well.

I was taken to ER the 24th after chest pains and angina. Diagnosis, would you believe STRESS!

Margaret

#### EARLE GEIDE, SD

We are writing on behalf of our Father, a long time Flying Farmer member from South Dakota. Please share this with the Flying Farmer organization.

Earle Geide had a single motor vehicle accident on Wednesday, September 19th around 3:00 in the afternoon. It happened about 45 minutes west of his place on Highway 42 in South Dakota. Since the accident happened closer to Mitchell, the ambulance was required to take Dad to the Mitchell hospital. After various testing at Mitchell, he was taken by ambulance to Sanford in Sioux Falls. They found that he had a break on each side of his lower neck

close to his shoulder blades at the C5 and C6 position. He was put in a soft neck brace and then transferred to a rehab facility on Tuesday, September 25th.

During his stay at the rehab center, he was progressively getting less mobile and had noticeable swelling in his hands. On Thursday, September 27th, he was not able to move his left leg at all and had lost his dexterity in his fingers on both hands. Dad was taken by ambulance back to Sanford where they performed CT scans and 3 MRI's. The CT scan showed that he had a small bleed in his brain which they felt would dissolve on it's on. The MRI's came back showing that he had bleeding along his spinal cord which required emergency surgery Friday morning. Besides the pain from the laminectomy operation (Doctor took about a 10" length of bone off his vertebrae to ease the pressure on his spinal nerves from the bleeding along his vertebrae), Dad has to wear a hard neck brace due to an additional break at the C7 position that they found during surgery. Needless to say, he has a lot of pain and discomfort on his back and shoulders in addition to wearing that very uncomfortable neck brace for 3 months. If he didn't have the operation, it would have been very likely that he would have been bed ridden for the rest of his life. Since the operation, he has regained feeling in his left leg, showing some movement in his toes and starting to get some dexterity back in his fingers. All good signs!! But he has a long road to recovery. He is still in the ICU unit at Sanford. We are not sure on the timeline of his care plan, but it sounds like he should be moved to a different room within the hospital in a few days. After that, he will be either in an inpatient rehab at Sanford or to a rehab facility. We will keep you updated on his progress.

Dad loves the Flying Farmers. We know that he would truly appreciate any cards and well wishes.

Gratefully,

Joy Hohn and Orrin Geide

## CARE NETWORK

Please send to:  
Earle Geide  
26245 461st Avenue  
Hartford, SD 57033

Gratefully,  
Joy Hohn and Orrin Geide

Earle had a pacemaker put in Oct. 3 . Please pray for him.

Dad's procedure went well! Hopefully he can now concentrate on rehabilitation.

Thank you for your prayers. Please continue to pray for him and our family.

Gratefully  
Joy

Earle Geide was moved to Select Hospital (approximately 24 beds) which is located within the Sanford Hospital on Tuesday, October 9th. He will be there for several weeks for healing and continued therapy. If he shows signs of continued improvement, he hopefully will be transferred to another rehab facility where he can continue with his therapy. Currently, he gets therapy 30 minutes a day in the morning so I plan to help him with additional therapy in the afternoon/evening. He has the will and motivation to get better and get back home. That is our plan although he has a long road ahead. Before he had the emergency surgery, he had completely lost movement in his left leg and strength/dexterity in his hands and fingers. His left leg is still pretty weak. His left hand is also weaker than his right. He is still wearing that very attractive neck brace which he is scheduled to wear for 3 months. That makes it hard for him to eat and just is uncomfortable overall. He continues to have pain in his neck, but he reports that the pain is not as intense.

Connie is doing alright.

Since I have been at the hospital with Dad, I have not had the opportunity to check on her as much. Orrin has been spending more time with Mom (usually 3 times a day or more) and eating meals with her when he is around. I am sure that it is quite a change for her not having Dad around.

Dad wanted me to send thank you cards to everyone that has sent him a card. All the cards that he has received has truly been uplifting for him (and us) and he really appreciates it. He enjoys reading all the well wishes and hearing what is going on in your lives! Due to my time constraints, I won't be able to send a thank you card to each of you.

Thank you so, so much for all the wonderful cards!!! If you have time in the future, I am sure that he would appreciate hearing from you again.

Thanks again!!!

Gratefully,  
Joy (Geide) Hohn

## CONGRATULATIONS

There was an open house to celebrate Ken & Gloria **Reed's 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, September 23rd** from 5 - 8 pm with dinner at 6 pm. There was a short program at 7 pm. This was held at the Hiawatha Lodge in Pipestone, MN; the same place we had our supper last year at the Minnkota convention.



Please wish these Vermont Flying members a speedy recovery.

From Diana Ham, Secretary VTFF

Please join us in wishing Jan Burleson, who will undergo knee replacement surgery the first of October, and Wenda Bird who will have double knee replacement surgery soon after the first of October. We wish them successful surgeries recoveries as possible.

If you would like to send them get-well wishes below are their home addresses:

Jan Burleson  
1015 Carter Street  
Benson, VT 05743

Wenda Bird  
222 Indian Bay  
PO Box 600  
Bomoseen, VT 05732

LELAND KRUEGER

On October 2nd, Leland Krueger was admitted to Sanford hospital for some concerning medical issues. Leland had various testing and a resulting surgery on October 4. During surgery, they found that Leland had a blockage between his pancreas and liver. They performed some biopsy brushings and installed a stint between his pancreas and liver. He was released from the hospital on Saturday, October 6th. On Monday, October 8th, Leland, Darlene and Leland's granddaughter met with the cancer doctor in Sioux Falls and received the overwhelming and shocking news that Leland has pancreatic cancer. After much discussion, Leland decided that he would not undergo treatment for this cancer and that he would live the rest of his life to the fullest.

Leland is now residing with Darlene. Please send cards of support and well wishes to Leland at:

Leland Krueger  
702 North Wallace Ave  
PO Box 515  
Wessington Springs, SD 57382

Thank you ~

On November 3rd is a fund raising event in Seward, NE for Seward Airport Operator's Greg and Terri **Whisler's Grandson Colton**. Attached is a flyer about the soup Lunch and event.

The Nebraska Flying Farmers Queens and Farmerettes were welcomed many times by Whisler's Aviation coming in for Seward's 4th of July Queens Parade. See "Colton's Crew" on page 7.

## CONDOLENCES



Anita M. Meyer, 87, of Gibson City, IL died at 2:45 p.m. Sunday (Oct. 14, 2018) at her home surrounded by her loving husband and children.

She was born Oct. 1, 1931, in Chicago, a daughter of Emeterio and Natividad Silva Magana, the third of five children.

Visitation was from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at Father Kirk Memorial Hall, Gibson City, followed by a prayer service led by Deacon Bill Meyer. Funeral Mass was at 10 a.m. Saturday at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Gibson City, with Father Dong van Bui as the celebrant. Burial in Drummer Township Cemetery, Gibson City. Rosenbaum Funeral Home, Gibson City, is assisting the family with arrangements.

Anita married James R. Meyer, DVM, on June 18, 1955, in Champaign. He survives. Her daughter Rae Ann is deceased; Rae Ann's children are Nina (Michael) Whitman and their children, Synthia, Blaze and Leo, Savoy, and Angel Glahn, El Paso. Also surviving Anita are a son, James (Anet) Meyer, and their son, Jacob, of Tustin, Calif., and daughter, Elise (Mike) Marren, and their children, Tom and Megan Marren, of Chicago. She is also survived by her siblings, Lupe Magana, Dave Magana and Josephine Schenk. She was preceded in death by a brother, Leonard.

Anita attended the Illinois Institute of Technology of Chicago, Wilson Junior College in Chicago and the University of Illinois in Champaign, graduating with a bachelor of science degree. With a background in psychology and a teaching certificate, she successfully taught special needs students in Urbana for two years, while at the same time earning a master's degree in education from the University of Illinois. Upon settling in Gibson City, Anita taught fifth grade classes until the birth of her first child, Rae Ann, when she became a full-time mom. Her plans to return to teaching were put on hold indefinitely when Rae Ann suffered a severe brain injury from a fall. She spent the next decade helping her daughter through rehabilitation, involving up to eight hours of therapy daily.

Through her efforts, Rae Ann relearned to see, speak, walk, and eventually become self-sufficient, earning an associate degree from Parkland College in Champaign.

Anita was an active member of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church and was past president of the Council of Catholic Women. She loved to read, especially books involving self-improvement, health and nutrition. Anita had a special interest in understanding and following the stock market. As a member of the International Flying Farmers, Anita spent many hours flying with her husband across North America and even abroad.

Memorial tributes may be made to Shepherd's Closet, Moyer District Library or Telecare.

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Funeral services for **Ed Byre**, long time **SD Flying Farmer** member were held September 19th at Zion Lutheran Church in Chamberlain, SD.

### "Colton's Crew" Fundraiser Event

**Colton Whisler** is Greg and Terri Whisler's grandson and the son of Derek and Stephanie Whisler. Greg and Terri operate the Airport in Seward, NE. Derek is a CW3 with the Army National Guard in Lincoln, NE. Stephanie is a "Gold Star Family" Survivor Outreach Services Coordinator and she works for Management Support Technology, Inc (MSTI) which is a military sub contractor.



**Colton has Rhabdomyosarcoma or RMS. The tumor is in his brain, ear canal and cheek glands and is inoperable.**

- November 3<sup>rd</sup> Fly In Soup and Dessert Lunch. Free will donation. \$5.00 suggestion
- 11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. at the Seward Airport, Seward NE, KSWT
- Helicopter and airplane rides. Tour Seward and surrounding area!
  - Helicopter—15 minutes for \$50.00 a person
  - Airplane—15 minutes for \$25.00 a person
- Bake and Craft sale
- Lots of Aircraft will be flying in to walk around and look at
- National Guard Static Helicopter Display

You can also donate at: <https://www.gofundme.com/colton039s-medical-bills>

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