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November Newsletter

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Blue Spruce Newsletter for
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President's Message

Well, since our last newsletter, Jan and I have many miles under our belts. It seems like a long time since we have seen you folks because we missed the LaVeta campout. First, I went to participate in the potato harvest again this year. Then I came home only to leave the next day for Fort Lauderdale to board the Island Princess for a cruise through the Panama Canal. The first stop was in Aruba, which is under the control of the Netherlands. Dutch is their primary language, but three other languages are taught in school. Our second port-of-call was Cartagena, Colombia. This is Juan Valdez coffee country, but is also very rich in Spanish history. Christopher Columbus discovered this area in 1515, only a few years before his death. Next was the highlight of the cruise, the Panama Canal Very amazing when you consider it is 50 feet deep and they didn't know about reinforced concrete when it was built in 1913. Even the locks are made of primarily concrete. We only traversed the Caribbean locks, called the Gatun Locks, into Gatun Lake before reversing our direction back into the Caribbean Sea. We didn't go to the Mira Flora Locks on the Pacific side of Panama. We were able to see where the new larger canal will be in about three years. Limon, Costa Rica was our next stop. We saw a banana plantation as well as the "Old Town" area. Eighty percent of their income is from tourists, so they were anxious to show us a good time. As we left Costa Rica, on our way to Ocho Rios, Jamaica, we could see Nicaragua in the distance. An interesting point of Jamaica is that the highest point is over 7,400 feet high. For a small island, that is amazing. There they grow their coffee at the base of the mountains; instead of high in the mountains as they do in Colombia. Blue Mountain is the big brand name in coffee in Jamaica. Overall, we traveled just under 9,000 miles and

visited South America, Central America, and saw Cuba, Haiti, Venezuela and Nicaragua from a distance.

Thanks to Dennis and Audrey Murphy, Bill and Rhonda Davidson, Ron and Chris Crawford, Larry and Dee Hall, Joe and Lou Wrinkle for their efforts in making the Oktoberfest campout a good one.
Bill and Jan



Blue Spruce is cooking up a Thanksgiving celebration: Nov. 12 @ 5:30 pm at the Pueblo Shrine Club, 1501 W. McCulloch in Pueblo West.

Cost: \$11.00 per/person

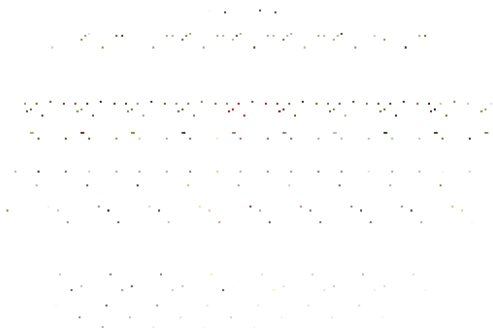
RSVP and pay by: **Nov. 5th**

Dropped off check or cash to Jim Rehm,

3202 Northridge

Please be quick, deadline is almost

here.



Christmas Celebration...

We will be celebrating our Saviors' birth this year on December 9th at the New Heights Baptist Church at 3304 Baltimore in Pueblo. You can arrive any time after 4:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. It will be a catered meal and the menu is turkey, beef, and all the Christmas meal fixings There will be yellow and chocolate cake for dessert and the price per person is \$11.00. Just as with the Thanksgiving meal, this is a RSVP required event. Negative responses are also needed. Call your President with your reservation,

and you will be asked to pay your Treasurer for the meal in advance. The deadline for payment is Friday, December 1st. We have the room reserved for the entire evening, so we will have the opportunity to play cards, joker, or just socialize as long as we want. Our regular chapter meeting will follow dinner and we will be installing our new Secretary, Chris Crawford and going over our 2012 meeting and camping schedule, so you will not want to miss this get-together. Thanks to Jim and Shelby Rehm and Ron and Chris Crawford for their efforts in putting this event together.



Upcoming in January

 Breakfast at 10:00 am on Jan. 14

Where: Michelle's Restaurant in Penrose, 506 9th Street

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Our Chapter has lost a member, Merrilee Gyger, passed away in Sept., we want to extend our deepest sympathy to Jim Gyger; Jeanelle has send a card to Jim.

See you in November, Anita Blair