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State Grange Convention Dates Changed

The dates for the state convention have been changed to October 4-7, 2023. The Business meetings will be held at the Holiday Inn Express & Suites Denver NE - Brighton, 2212 Medical Center Dr., Brighton, CO 80601. A king room is 129/night. The two queen room is \$139/night. Please make reservations by September 4, 2023, at 844-201-7865.

This is our 150th annual meeting and the kickoff of our 150th year and we will be celebrating at the Brighton Armory & Performing Arts Center, 300 Strong Street, Brighton, on Thursday evening with Susie Knight entertaining, as well as other special activities.

The meals (lunches and banquet) will be held at the Brighton Recreation Center, 555 N. 11th Avenue, Brighton. The breakfasts will be at the Main Street Café, 161 N. Main, Brighton. The Breakfast will be dutch treat.

Equitable Access – Grange Answers The Call

If one phrase could sum up the legislative call to action of the Grange from its earliest days, it's that, equitable access. Ensuring that every American home receives mail to their door, electricity, phone service, that rural individuals are provided the same quality of education and healthcare, and that today (and for the past 20 years), broadband internet be made available to every home and business regardless of geography — these issues are where consistently you will hear the Grange's voice.

However, broadband expansion to rural homes through landline, fiber, or new technologies such as small-cells, is not the only barrier to access. For rural America — which experts prove over and over is, as a whole, older, sicker, and poorer than its urban and suburban counterparts — affordability is also an issue. While we've made our voice heard for two decades on the infrastructure component, and have become a leader so much so that National Grange President Betsy Huber has for several years served on the FCC's Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee, today we're adding an action step for Granges to share information with their neighbors who struggle to afford access.

The National Grange recently partnered with the Oregon Institute for a Better Way and together we have been awarded a grant from then FCC to raise awareness in communities like those our Granges serve about the FCC's Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP).

The ACP provides a subsidy for



eligible low-income individuals and households — those falling at or below 200% of the federal poverty line or are already qualified for another government assistance program such as Social Security Insurance, Medicaid, SNAP, or Veteran's Pension — to their participating internet

service provider.

Providers were initially the main communicator, telling their customers about the program. However, the FCC realized this method did not bring the message about the program to many of those who were qualified (Continued on Page 2)

Raffle 2023 – Six Drawings

Raffle tickets have been sent out to most Granges and State officers or directors. This year we have six (6) items on the raffle. The tickets are \$5 each or 6 for \$20. Proceeds of the raffle will help Grangers attend conferences/workshops/classes, or support community service projects.

The first drawing will be for a quilt made and donated by Karen Baxter.

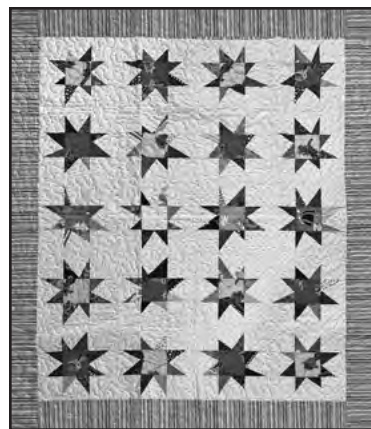
The second drawing will be for a handmade wood clock made by Roger Ayers.

The third drawing will be for a Camden Bag made by Cindy Greer

The fourth drawing will be for a small quilt made from blocks donated by various Grangers and put together by Karen Baxter.

The fifth drawing will be for a table topper made from blocks donated by various Grangers and put together by Karen Baxter.

The sixth drawing will be for a photo of the Lake Tahoe area, donat-



Bostwick National Rep For State Session

Roger Bostwick, National Grange High Priest of Demeter, is from Kansas. Roger and His wife Melanie have two daughters. Roger is currently the president/Master of the Kansas State Grange. Roger was elected High Priest of Demeter in 2021. Roger and Melanie have been our delegates previously. We are looking forward to getting reacquainted with them.

Roger Bostwick is a member of Pleasant View #1459 and third generation Granger. He currently serves as Kansas State Grange President.

He and his wife Melanie have been married for 37 years, they have two



Roger Bostwick, National Representative

daughters, Molly and Mandy, and one granddaughter, Kimber. Roger was elected High Priest of Demeter in 2021. He had served as the Priest Archon of the National Grange from 2013-2021 and was the Assistant Steward for the National Grange from 2007-2013. He had previously

served Kansas State Grange as President from 2006-2012 and had previously held State Grange offices of Overseer and Steward.

One of Roger's favorite things about the Grange is the ritualistic work and the beauty and lessons contained in the degrees.

Roger has worked for the Deluxe Corporation in Lenexa, Kansas, for over 40 years. Melanie retired from the Extension Service in 2022. They also enjoy working on the farm they have named "Happy Hollow Farm." Roger likes to try organic gardening and is trying something new each year. In his free time, he enjoys working on his antique Allis-Chalmers tractors, a 1942 C, and a 1945 WD-45, as well as other antique farm equipment. Roger also serves as a leader in the local 4-H and the Ozawkie United Methodist Church. He became a lay speaker for the Delaware River Valley Parish, consisting of five churches in Jefferson County, Kansas, in 2021. Family, church and Grange play an important part in the lives of the Bostwick family.

Upcoming Events

Call individual Granges for more information.

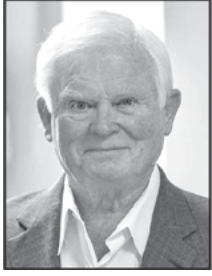
- July 6 Golden Gate Grange Meeting at 3:30 p.m.
 - July 8 4-H Expo. All chapters of 4-H in Teller County will participate and display their best or most fun project at Florissant.
 - July 9 Marvel Grange Ice Cream Social, 3 p.m.
 - July 9 Mount Lookout Community Supper
 - July 14 Line Dancing Class from 7 to 9 p.m. at Golden Gate
 - July 25 Mount Lookout Officers Meeting
 - July 28 Line Dancing Class from 7 to 9 p.m. at Golden Gate
 - July 29 Florissant Heritage Day at the Grange Hall and all-around Florissant.
 - July 29 Marvel Grange Community Breakfast 8-10 a.m.
 - July 30 Morning At Buffalo Bill Days Mutton Bustin' Golden Gate
 - August 3 Golden Gate Grange Meeting at 3:30 p.m.
 - August 4 Marvel Grange Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
 - August 4-5 Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Golden Gate Grange Rummage Sale
 - August 11 Line Dancing Class from 7 to 9 p.m. at Golden Gate
 - August 12 Florissant Craft Classes, 9 a.m. Pine Needle Baskets, 10 a.m. Needle Felting, 12 p.m. Paint With Me
 - August 12 Pleasant Park Regular Meeting, 10 a.m. followed with potluck
 - August 13 Mount Lookout Community Supper
 - August 16 Enterprise Community Service Award Presentation with potluck, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
 - August 19 La Plata Pomona Picnic at ELHI Park in Ignacio, 1 p.m.
 - August 22 Mount Lookout Officer Meeting
 - August 25 Line Dancing Class from 7 to 9 p.m. at Golden Gate
 - August 26 Florissant Flea Market
 - Sept. 1 Lecturers, Family Activities, Community Service, Membership, Memorial Service Reports due to respective officers/directors
 - Sept. 1 Delegate Credential Forms due to State Grange office
 - Sept. 1 Marvel Grange Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
 - Sept. 9 Darden Pomona Meeting at Maple Grove Grange 3 p.m. Potluck
 - Sept. 9 Pleasant Park Regular Meeting, 10 a. m. followed with potluck
 - Sept. 13 Enterprise Monthly Meeting with Potluck, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
 - Sept. 22 Meal Reservations and payment due for State session
 - Sept. 30 Pomona and Subordinate Report of Election of Officers due to State Office.
 - Oct. 14 Pleasant Park Regular Meeting, 10 a.m. followed with potluck
- Every Thursday Evening — Florissant Potluck and Music from 6 to 8 p.m. All are welcome.

Master's Message

Gary Wardle, State Master

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We are busy preparing for the state convention. We will be in Brighton this year. I hope many can come help us kick off the 150th anniversary of the Colorado State Grange. We have a fun night planned for a birthday celebration Thursday night. See more details in the paper. Kathy and I, along with Harry and Cindy Greer, attended the Great Plains Regional Conference held in Kerrville, Texas, June 9 and 10. Good to see old friends and attend the workshops. We went to the Western Art Museum on Saturday afternoon. Rainy weather coming home.

There is information on the Broad Band Affordable Connectivity Program in the paper. I hope Granges will register for the promotional information and share at your upcoming events.

There is no news on the sale of the National Grange Office building. The Executive Committee has received two more offers and is waiting on three more offers.

I hope all have returned the survey on the *Granger* newspaper. Thank you to the committee for your work on this project. We will have a resolution at the State convention to determine how to proceed with publishing the paper.

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

Equitable Access

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and, in response, established their first ever grant to provide organizations like the Grange the tools necessary to get information out to communities they serve.

Specifically, the grant awarded to the Grange and our partner, the Oregon Institute, allows us to create and provide free print materials and signs to Granges that can be used in Grange Halls, in public locations throughout their community, at fairs, festivals and other events they are already attending to inform people about potential eligibility for monthly service savings and a one-time discount for an internet-ready device, such as a laptop or tablet. The partnership also brings an incredible resource of community navigators — individuals who will be assigned to assist Granges in identifying and preparing for events, ordering supplies, tracking reach of materials, and more. Navigators — all of whom are Grange members — may also be available to attend events and assist with information booths or provide technological assistance for on-site sign-ups for eligible individuals.

Granges who participate in this

community service project by handing out small cards about the program to people who drop by fair stands or info booths, who partner with local schools to provide info sheets to parents, who place posters or signs up in central locations in their community, who hang a banner on their hall if it is on a well-traveled street, or perform outreach in any other creative ways, may receive a financial incentive on top of the free material. Specialized material may be available for very large events or outreach opportunities.

Also, when working with their navigator, we may be able to determine how needs for the local Grange may be met through other grants, potential partnerships, and more.

If you would like to learn more, sign up at <http://grange.biz/signup> (case sensitive). You will be matched with a Community Navigator who will let you know when the next informational Zoom will be held, answer questions, gather information about ways in which we can provide your Grange with resources to raise awareness about the ACP program in your community and more.

Granger Deadline And Guidelines

August 15, 2023, is the deadline for articles for the September-October 2023 edition of *The Colorado Granger*. You can send them to the State Grange Office, 7629 County Road 100, Hesperus, CO 81326 or email costategrange@gmail.com.

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

- Name of Grange
- Contact person (with phone number)
- Upcoming dates

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

Visit www.coloradogranger.org

Please notify the State Grange Office of any address change.

Because it is 2nd class mail, the Grange is charged 59¢ per address change the post office sends from the *Granger* mailings.

Email: costategrange@gmail.com

Call 719-748-5008 or mail the form below.

FOR THE COLORADO GRANGER MAILING LIST
ADDRESS CHANGE FORM

NAME _____ GRANGE # _____
 OLD ADDRESS _____
 (IF CHANGE OR DROP) _____
 ZIP CODE _____
 PRESENT ADDRESS _____
 ZIP CODE _____
 (GIVE ROUTE AND BOX NUMBER)

Send to: Colorado State Grange
7629 County Road 100, Hesperus, CO 81326



Great Plains Regional Conference participants in Kerrville, Texas in June 2023.

Notes From The Secretary

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- June 30 – 2nd quarter ends.
- July 30 – 2nd quarter reports due to State office.
- September 1 – Delegate Credentials due in State office.
- September 22 – Meal reservations for State Session Due along with payment.
- September 30 – Election of officers reports due in state office.
- September 30 – End of third quarter.
- October 4-7 State Grange Convention.

Family membership is very confusing to many of us. We all have family who are members of the Grange, but Family membership applies to only those who live in the same house and have children ages 14-23 who are also Grange members. Ideally both parents (Mom and Dad) are members, and the children ages 14-23 who are in school that are members are exempt from pay-

ing dues. A single parent can have a family membership as long as there are two (2) members of the family paying dues, then others can be exempt. In any event there must be two members of a family paying dues for additional members to be exempt. This exempt membership can be allowed only until the child is no longer in school (H.S. or college) and only until their 23rd birthday. After that they become dues paying individual members and no longer in the family membership.

It's all clear as mud, right. We live in a world with so many different types of families that it's difficult to come up with the right solution. I can use my family as an example. My two sons and daughters-in-law are Grange members and two of my grandchildren are members. Harry and I do not qualify for a family membership, because none of our children or grandchildren live with

— In Memoriam —

State Grange Assistant Steward Christopher Cleary

It is with a heavy heart and deep sorrow that we inform you that our beloved and energetic Christopher Cleary, Broomfield Crescent Grange President and State Grange Assistant Steward, passed away unexpectedly Monday, June 19. Chris's unexpected departure has left a void in our hearts and in the community he so passionately served.

Chris had just enjoyed a wonderful Father's Day celebration with his wife and two children on Sunday. The next morning while having coffee with his wife, he experienced a sudden brain aneurysm. This devastating event reminds us of the fragile and unpredictable nature of life.

Chris embodied the spirit of dedication and selflessness. Since assuming the Crescent Grange presidency last summer, he had tirelessly worked to revitalize and update the Grange. From the moment he joined the organization, Chris had a clear vision for the future of the old building and its potential impact on the community. His commitment to giving back was unparalleled, and he served with an inspiring intensity.



To say that Chris will be missed is an immense understatement. His absence will be felt deeply by all who had the privilege of knowing him, working with him, and benefiting from his dedication to the community. The legacy he leaves behind is one of inspiration and a relentless pursuit of making a difference.

In memory of Chris Cleary, let us cherish the time we had with him, hold on to his passion for community service, and work together to ensure that his legacy lives on.

The Colorado Granger Available Online

If for some reason you don't receive a paper copy or you prefer to read the paper online, you can obtain a copy at Colorado State Grange (coloradogranger.org). This is the State Grange website, scroll down on the left hand side to the *Granger* (newspaper) and click on it, which will take you to the papers which are categorized by year.

us anymore. Each son does qualify for family membership because they each have one child (Age 14-23) living at home, who are in school, and are Grange members. Therefore, they pay for two memberships and the third is exempt. They each have a family membership.

There are two sections of the National Grange Digest of Laws that explains this. Remember this does not include state dues or your local dues:

4.8.2 (B) A family shall consist of a couple and their dependents, or a single person and their dependents. Dependents are defined as children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, foster, adopted, or step-children under the age of 23, who live as a member of the same household or in absence due to illness, education, or military service. Legal dependents of any age shall be considered part of their legal guardians' family. (C) At such time as a member no longer qualifies as a dependent or becomes a single member, the status of the member shall be as an individual with no interruption of their membership.

8.6.1 Each State Grange shall pay to the National Grange the following annual membership dues (B) Subordinate annual dues of fourteen dollars (\$14.00) per member of which three dollars fifty cents (\$3.50) is to be paid quarterly or twenty-eight dollars (\$28.00) annually for a family of which seven dollars (\$7.00) is to be paid quarterly beginning January 1, 2015.

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Summer is here and I am checking in to see how your garden is growing. I hope you are doing well and taking pictures showing the progress of your gardens to be submitted to me as Lecturer or the National Grange Lecturer by September 1 or sooner.

All deadlines are September 1, either for the Colorado State Grange or the National Grange Lecturer's programs and reports.

I would like for each Grange in Colorado to submit a report even if all you did was have a meeting, a dinner, or a get together of some kind. At this point I will take a picture, an email explaining what you did. I can add it to your report or fill in the blanks for you. I would like

to see the participation of our subordinate Granges to improve on the eight Granges that have been submitting reports for the last couple of years. I know you are out there and are doing things. I expect to get something from each of you.

Continue to take those photos, work on those quilt blocks, and get your baking, arts, and crafts ready for the State convention which has moved to the first weekend in October, the 4th through the 7th.

As for the Gala, I was doing something using the *Raised Right Here* theme. So come as your favorite vegetable, fruit, or any farm related item. Let your creativity shine. I am looking forward to seeing you all in person this year,

Chaplain's Corner

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One of the words we use in our lives, sometimes without even thinking, is "community." According to the dictionary, community is a body of people having common interests. There is a closeness with a brotherhood or sisterhood relationship. A community gives us a means of fellowship and encouragement with support. Individuals unite to form an answer to a need and to fulfill a common goal for an issue.

In the very early days survival was probably the first priority. As mankind advanced, different types were formed. We read about many communities in the Bible and how they formed the bases of scripture.

The more we know about the way of life during Biblical times, the more we understand the scriptures. Many of these communities were in deep conflict with one another. What do we learn from the scripture about living in our present society and how it relates to our faith? How do we relate to broken communities of society?

The sense of community is deep within our lives. A community can

be a school or college class. The church becomes our community and even small groups in all organizations. Within the Grange we mention community work over and over. Being a part of a group, we receive friends, fellowship, support, and love. Our groups become an avenue of expression and how we serve. When we belong with others, we are able to prepare our hearts and hands in work we have been called to do.

In Ecclesiastes we learn that the good life means living in a state of love and peace by developing and sustaining relationships. The joy of serving others gives the human soul that peace and satisfaction.

Volunteering in various communities such as the Grange binds us together in the community of faith.

COLORADO STATE GRANGE MEMORIALS

Donations should be made payable to CSG Leadership/Scholarship and mailed to the State Grange office.

Please send memorial information for past delegates to the chaplain by September 1 for the Memorial Service at State Session.



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Below is an article by Betsy Huber regarding the National Grange's new partnership with the FCC. This is a program which will benefit all the Granges that wish to participate.

Join National Grange In Promoting The Affordable Connectivity Program

by Betsy E. Huber, National Grange President

The National Grange, partnering with Oregon Institute for a Better Way, has been awarded a grant from the Federal Communications Commission to assist in promoting the Affordable Connectivity Program. We have been working for more than 20 years to expand access to the internet in rural areas. Now that billions of dollars have been allocated to make that a reality, we are working on the other barrier to broadband service — affordability.

What does this have to do with you? We are asking every Grange to participate in this project in some way. Much of the grant money we will receive is being used to print materials — business card-sized information cards, banners, yard signs,

placemats, posters, door-hangers — most anything you could think of that Granges might use to advertise the ACP program to their community. That's all there is to it! Sign your Grange up at this site, and a Granger or Community Navigator will contact you to ask what type of materials your Grange might use at what event you are already having. Holding a dinner? Order some placemats. Your Grange is on a busy road? Order a banner or yard signs. Working at a fair booth? Order business cards or flyers to hand out. It's an easy project, and we're asking every Grange to help.

If you want to do a big project but don't have enough help, we can even send people to help you. Amanda has been having several Zoom meetings to explain all the details of our request. If you'd like to be included in one of these Zoom meetings just let us know at membership@nationalgrange.org. Sign up at www.grange.biz/signupgrange and plan how you will help to advertise this great benefit to those who need it. Thank you!



Family Activities

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It is time to be getting ready for the State Grange Session in Brighton. Remember to follow all of the rules if you are planning to enter the contest events. It is important to label your entries appropriately as per the handbook that came out in the *Granger* in January.

As we scurry around in the summertime with so many fun things to do, remember to take time to enjoy things that make you and others happy. Some day you may look back and remember the little things were actu-

ally the big things. Share your talents with others and it will brighten the day for others as well as yourself.

There are many opportunities to share your knowledge and talents with others.

When you love something and you work really hard at it, you can do it, for happiness comes from noticing the little things in life. If you feel that there's something you are supposed to be doing, if you have a passion for it, then stop wishing and just do it, for it is you who can de-

cide to be the difference that makes a difference!

Here are some small ways that you can make a difference;

- Share your time, talents, and knowledge
- Listen to others
- Smile
- Volunteer your time and talents
- Write simple notes of gratitude
- Spread positivity to others
- Give compliments

Enjoy the summer and make a difference!

2023 National Grange Quilt Block Contest

Statement Of Intent

The Quilt Block Contest provides an opportunity for Grange members and friends to collaborate in creating quilted items that can be donated or auctioned for funds to provide additional services to community members in a nationwide effort

RULES

1. The National Grange Quilt Block Contest is open to everyone.
2. All contest entries must be received by the National Grange Lecturer by **September 1, 2023**. Send entries to:
Ann Bercher, National Lecturer
777 Excelsior Blvd. Apt #310
Excelsior, MN 55331
3. Any entries received after the deadline will not be judged. However, all entries received will be exhibited at the 157th National Grange convention in Niagara Falls, NY.
4. The quilt block you enter in the contest for judging must be made by you.
5. There is no limit on the number of quilt blocks a person may submit, but choose **one quilt block** per person to be judged. *Please consider sending four completed squares.*
6. All entries will be retained by the National Grange to be made into finished quilts and other items to be sold at a later date.
7. A 2023 Quilt Block Contest Entry Form must be completed for the block to be judged.

GROUPS

- Group I – Adult (Age 14+)
- Group II – Junior (Age 13 and under)

PRIZES

Monetary prizes will be awarded



for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each Group. Ribbons will be awarded to all entrants.

2023 NATIONAL GRANGE QUILT BLOCK CONTEST Nine Patch With A Half Square Corners

Begin with 2.5-inch squares of multiple fabrics:

6 dark colors (prefer all monochrome — all blue, all green, all red, etc, but each can be a different pattern or solid)

5 very light colors (white, cream, light gray; different patterns, or solids)
Create a nine-patch block.

Keep all light colors on one side,

and dark colors on the other. Create one half-square triangle on the top right, and one on the bottom left. Use a scant 1/4 inch seam allowance.

This 9-patch block should measure 6 1/2 inches, unfinished on edges. Looking for scrappy blocks, but with similar colors in the "dark" fabrics.

These are small blocks, so the more you send in, the better!

See photo above left for example. Questions? Email lecturer@nationalgrange.org for guidance.

Full instructions can be found at nationalgrange.org/lecturers-programming.

Legislative Activity

Mike Lackey, State Director

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The following are the Bills (of consequence) passed by the Colorado legislature and signed into law from January 1, 2023 through May, 2023.

Technical Modification To

Department Of Early Childhood
Title 26.5 of the Colorado Revised Statutes relates primarily to early childhood programs and services. In 2022, the general assembly enacted House Bill 22-1295, which established the duties of the department of early childhood (department), relocated early childhood programs from the departments of human services and education to the department, and created the Colorado universal preschool program in the department.

Improved Outcomes

Persons Behavioral Health

The bill creates a behavioral health treatment voucher pilot program to allow persons experiencing a behavioral health crisis who cannot find treatment with a behavioral health administration safety net provider to receive a voucher to use for payment with a private treatment provider (provider). The provider submits the voucher to the appropriate regional behavioral health administrative service organization for reimbursement.

False Reporting Of Emergency

The bill adds that the false reporting of a mass shooting or active shooter in a public or private place or vehicle that transports people or property is a class 6 felony.

Regulating Local Housing Growth Restrictions

Currently, several local governments governmental entities have laws restricting the growth of residential housing. The bill declares that the state has an interest in encouraging housing growth statewide, preempts any existing local governmental entity housing growth restriction, and forbids the enactment or enforcement of any future local housing growth restriction, unless the local government governmental entity has experienced a disaster emergency, has developed or amended land use plans or land use laws covering residential development, or the residential component of a mixed-use development, or is extending or acquiring public infrastructure, public services, or water resources.

Earned Income And Child Tax Credits

Legislative Oversight Committee Concerning Tax Policy. For the income tax years commencing on or

after January 1, 2024, the bill increases the earned income tax credit that a resident individual can claim on their state income tax return to 40% of the federal credit claimed on the resident individual's federal income tax return.

Although there were 18 bills passed into law, the above items were the most of consequence. Others passed were to "clean up" language, etc.

Scholarship Winners Announced

by Jim Miller, Colorado State Grange Leadership And Scholarship Foundation

Congratulations to this year's Colorado State Grange Leadership and Scholarship Foundation. Each will receive a \$1,500 scholarship to the institution to which they are enrolled. This year's recipients and the Grange they represent are:
Trent Boynczynski, Golden Gate
Katrina Borst, Florissant
Rebecca Borst, Florissant
Evan Clark, Wheat Ridge
Rebecca Davis, El Paso
Alexis Kippis, Cherry Creek
Paige Nicholas, Golden Gate
Chloe Roach, Golden Gate
Azariah Nan Nortwick, Castlewood

National Grange Youth Officer Council

APPLICATION POSTMARK DEADLINE: September 1

Applications must be sent to the National Grange Youth Development Director Samantha Wilkins, 21578 Pleasanton Road, San Antonio, TX 78264.

Purpose: The purpose of the Youth Officer Council is for Grange Youth and Young Adults to provide valuable input on current and future programming, fundraising, youth events at Annual Session, regional conferences, and other youth and young adults-focused events, AND to assemble a team of Youth from across the nation to open the National Grange convention on Friday morning at the annual session. This will provide more youth with an opportunity to participate in the National Grange Convention. Duties include — The Youth Officer Team — Opening Drill and Open the Grange at National Session, AND once selected to the Youth Officer Team they will automatically serve for one year on the Youth Officer Council. (October to September)

The Youth Officers Council would be required to meet: — Pre-Convention Meeting in October (zoom) — In-Person in November at National Convention — Post-Convention in December (zoom) — And attend at least two additional meetings held on the third Sunday of even numbered months (prior to Youth Yammerings).

- The Grange Youth Officer Council will march in, open the Grange in the fourth degree, and march out during National Grange Convention.
- President, Vice President, Steward, A.S., L.A.S., G.K., and Chaplain have speaking parts.
- Lecturer will need to select an opening song.
- Secretary will need to be prepared to call the roll of Youth officers — which will be established following the application process. Secretary is responsible for learning how to pronounce the names of the officers correctly.
- Ceres, A.S., and L.A.S. will need to know how to present the flag properly according to the Official Flag presentation ceremony offered by the National Grange.
- A.S. and L.A.S. may submit suggestions for the seating and retiring drill. Also, please limit the time of the opening drill to six minutes and the retiring drill to three minutes.
- Musician applicants must submit a musical demonstration tape or CD. Musical piece should be no more than three minutes. Musician may make suggestions for March Music. The National Youth Development Director will screen any music suggestions for appropriateness.
- There are 18 offices to be filled: President, Vice President, Lecturer, Steward, A.S., L.A.S., Chaplain, Treasurer, Secretary, Gatekeeper, Ceres, Pomona, Flora, and four executive committee positions and Musician.

The Colorado Granger Available Online

If for some reason you don't receive a paper copy or you prefer to read the paper online, you can obtain a copy at Colorado State Grange (colo.radogrange.org) This is the State Grange website, scroll down on the left hand side to the *Granger* (newspaper) and click on it, which will take you to the papers which are categorized by year.



Agriculture Report

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The following are commonly available agriculture news and information sources available via print media, AM and FM radio, online resources — Youtube, podcasts, etc.

KSIR — AM radio, covers about 1/3rd of our state, audible in Denver (also daytime) and over much of the eastern and NE plains area. Ag coverage is 24-hours. Possibly the best ag radio in Colorado. "Each morning from 6a — 9a KSIR (AM 1010) keeps you updated with agriculture news, markets, and conversations with local, state, and national leaders in agriculture. We strive to bring you the ag information you can use whether you are a producer, part of an ag-based business, a consumer, or are interested in agriculture." BARN onAir & online 24/7/365, also on The Ranch 94.5 KFRD — Merino, KPMX 107.5 FM — Sterling (also covers Denver), KPRB B106 FM — Ft Morgan, others in the Northeast Colorado Broadcasting Family KPRB, KPMX, KCGC, KRJN, KAKR, KRFD.

The Fence Post, print, purchase, subscription, and online, Swift Communications, "contains advertising, auctions, obituaries, recipes, cartoons, event coverage, and human interest stories all pertaining to the agricultural business. Our weekly columnists include Baxter Black, Lee Pitts, Gwen Petterson, Mad Jack, and many others. We have a

strong readership in all phases of farming, ranching, and livestock production. Our readers call us their farming and ranching "Bible" where they can find auctions, horse events, ag calendar listings, and market reports each week. Our classified section is beneficial to both buyers and sellers. We also do special sections including a seasonal Real Estate Guide, Breeders Connection, Summer Events Guide, along with other seasonal projects."

CPR FM, NPR, Colorado Public Radio, 90.1 (they also use other frequencies, 90.1 covers the Front Range). News reporting covers agriculture subjects.

KUNC FM. 91.5, other frequencies throughout Colorado, community-licensed public radio station, operated by Community Radio for Northern Colorado, Inc., 501 (c) 3, Colorado non-profit organization. Lots of coverage on Colorado water, snow, runoff, Colorado River, and the Thirst Gap series from CSU's Colorado Water Center and CSU's Engagement and Extension.

Youtube — search online for any number of topics, repair farm tractor, repair lawn mower, grow barley, how to raise farm chickens, market products, etc. Use caution for any topic.

Farms.com Agriculture Videos — entertainment and information; begins with Paul Harvey's farmer tribute: *So God Made A Farmer*.

Real Estate Management

Mike Lackey, State Director
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What Homeowners Want And What Sellers Need To Know

Studies have been released which analyze projects to determine which ones will get Homeowners the highest return on investment (ROI) when selling, and survey homebuyers on what they're looking for in a home.

Realtors conducted the homeowners' survey to find out more about the misconceptions people have regarding pre-listing home improvements. The survey found that nearly half or homeowners-or 43%-think they need to update their house before listing. However, it turns out that is not what homebuyers think.

Key Findings

Some 68% of potential home buyers say the biggest deal breaker when buying a home is disrepair and wear and tear.

Roughly 67% of potential home buyers say they only consider homes with updated features and layouts.

An estimated 77% of potential home buyers won't consider purchasing a home that is not move-in-ready.

When renovating or making repairs to get a home ready to sell, different projects can result in vastly different returns. New data analysis of renovation projects across 30+ U.S. markets shows where home sellers can get the most bang for their buck.

These are the top five home improvement projects that generate the highest ROI:

- Kitchen refresh (painting cabinets,

new appliances, new countertop, updating hardware): 377%

- Refinishing hardwood floors: 348%
- Basic listing prep (interior electrical updates, minor fixes) 297%
- Roof replacement: 288%
- Carpet replacement: 280%

The report found that the project bringing the highest return is a kitchen refresh, with a 377% ROI: If a homeowner spends \$15,000 to update their kitchen, they can expect to sell for an additional \$71,559 to a \$56,550 profit.

The data also shows that refreshing key areas of a home, like kitchen and bathroom, delivers higher returns than full remodels. A bathroom refresh has 256% ROI, and a full bathroom remodel has a 120% ROI.

Sellers often have the misconception that putting work into a home means they need to fully renovate their homes before listing, but simple refreshes in your kitchen or to your floors actually have much higher returns and take less work. In a competitive housing market, it is important for agents and sellers to work to attract potential buyers and make a home stand out.

The housing market has slowed significantly since last year. Home sales this April were 23% lower than last April, meaning the buyer frenzy is over. Although home prices and mortgage rates remain high, home buyers now have more options to choose from, making the market increasingly competitive.

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 970-749-8438.



P.I.C.K.

People Improving Communities And Kids

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People Improving Communities and Kids has partnered with Billy Greer.

Billy Greer has a falconry license and he is working under a wildlife rehab/education license and he will get his rehab/education license when he turns 18 in June 2024. The project is to create hawk houses that can house birds (raptors) needing rehabilitation before returning them to the wild.

According to the Colorado Wildlife Rehabilitation License Holders public list, there are only two sources for rehabilitation of raptors in our local area (The Department of Wildlife and Southwest Avian Protection Services).

In preparation for reaching the age required by the department of wildlife for Billy to apply and qualify for a license Billy has a plan to obtain a shipping container (40' long with side opening doors) which would be sectioned into five sections that will be 8' wide, utilizing the space most efficiently as four pens and a supply room. Each pen would have a weathering area (chicken run) which would be built out of panels (8'x 4' wide) that are framed with 2x4's and hardware cloth, which will be held

together with screws so that they can be easily disassembled. The hardware cloth allows the birds to see their surroundings.

The purpose would be to rehabilitate birds and release them back into their natural habitat while working under his sponsor and then under his own license. The educational part would be to take the birds that cannot be rehabilitated and released to educate people in the community about Raptors. Schools and local organizations would be welcome to schedule appointments.

Billy would like to have the project completed by mid- to late-summer or as soon as funding is available. Once funding and materials are obtained it will take approximately one month to get the facility ready for inspection by the Colorado Department of Wildlife.

The estimate for the cost of the project is a little over \$6,000.00. We are applying to two sources for potential funding. If individuals or Granges want to support the project you can send tax deductible donations to PICK with a note on the check for the project. Send donations to 7629 C.R. 100, Hesperus, CO 81326.

Mandy Project

Cindy Greer, Coordinator
970-588-3386 • Email: hrcdgreer@frontier.net

We have not received any applications to date for assistance. A check that we wrote last year to help a family has not cleared the bank, so we have added those funds back into our accounting. If you know of anyone who has a child with hearing loss, please encourage them to apply for assistance.

Granges who would like to make a donation to the fund and want recognition for this year should send in their

donations by August 30. Donation can be sent to the State Grange or to PICK. Do Not make checks to the Mandy Project, we do not have a bank account specifically for that. WE would like to thank Garden Home Grange for their donation. Their donation took a bit of time to get to us because it was sent to Florissant. The State Grange address changed one-and-one-half years ago and the forwarding no longer is applicable.

AGRICULTURAL AWARENESS And Creative Writing Contest Theme: Reduce, Reuse, & Recycle

Complete the following tasks to receive your 2023 AG Awareness Award!

1. **RESEARCH:** Define each of the following words: Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle.
2. **RESEARCH:** Visit your local library and find at least three books to help you better understand the three R's.
3. **RESEARCH:** Learn how reducing waste, reusing items, and recycling can help you, your community, and the environment around you.
4. **IDENTIFY:** 10 ways that you can increase reduce/reuse/recycle in your life.
5. Pick at least two of the following:
 - A. **ACTIVITY** — Create an art project using recycled items.
 - B. **BUILD** — Build a recycling station for your home or Grange Hall.
 - C. **CHALLENGE** — Go 10 days or longer without creating waste.
 - D. **BUILD** — Build a composting station at your home or Grange Hall.
6. **SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW:** Create a poster to encourage other people to Reduce, Reuse, & Recycle.
7. **TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE:** Create an activity that can be used as a Lecturers program to test people's knowledge about what can be reduced, reused, or recycled.
8. **SHARE WHAT YOU KNOW:** Take all of the things you learned about Reduce, Reuse, & Recycle and

make a plan on how you are going to inform your family, friends, and community.

- Submit the following information:
- A brief synopsis (no longer than 1 page) of your research
 - Copy of your poster
 - Pictures of your two activities
 - Pictures of your efforts to bring awareness! (Talking to neighbors, at your Grange meeting, hanging flyers, etc...)

The Awareness Awards will be presented during the National Grange Convention. If you are unable to attend National Session, we will send your certificate home with your State President or another representative. Awards will be given to either Individuals or Junior Granges.

Individual Junior Submissions MUST HAVE:

- Name
- Age
- Grange Name & Number
- State
- Mailing Address
- Email/ Phone Number

Junior Grange Submissions MUST HAVE:

- Junior Grange Name & Number
- Junior Leader's Name
- State
- Mailing Address
- Email/Phone Number

SUBMISSIONS FOR AWARD MUST BE MADE BY September 1.

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Is August 15, 2023.



In April Enterprise Grangers, left, took an outing to the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum to see their new main exhibit "Logs on a Roll Log Cabin Quilts." Some favorites above.

Darden
Jefferson County

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

Sept. 9 – Darden Pomona meets at Maple Grove Grange Meeting at 3 p.m. Potluck to follow.

The Darden Pomona Community Service Awards and program by Susie Knight has been Cancelled for this year. The event will be held next spring.

Idella Lewis

Enterprise Grange

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

June and July – No meeting.

July 8 – Saturday, Beginning at Noon - Darden Pomona Picnic at Pleasant Park Grange. Bring a dish to share and your friends and family. It's always a great time and a perfect time of year to enjoy the festivities and wonderful weather.

August 16, Wednesday, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. – Community Service Award Presentation with potluck, Meeting to follow. (Please note this meeting will be the 3rd Wednesday this month). After the awards presentation and potluck and our guests have departed, we will be holding elections for the coming year and have a state planning session. We will talk about plans for outings and also begin planning our annual Chili Dinner. Please bring your ideas.

September 13, Wednesday, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. – (2nd Wednesday of the month) Monthly meeting with potluck. We will be planning for the State Grange and our Annual Chili Dinner.

On April 28 we had our outing to the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum. It was the opening for their new main exhibit, Logs on a Roll Log Cabin Quilts. Being a complete novice on quilts, I kept looking for log cabins as the focal point of the quilt. Needless to say, I couldn't be more wrong. I finally had the courage to ask and found out that it is a quilt pattern in which narrow fabric strips (called logs) are assembled in a numerical sequence around a center square to form a block. Log Cabin blocks have become a very popular design and have many variations but you won't necessarily see what you think of as a log cabin. I learned a lot and we all enjoyed the experience and had a good time.

On May 6, Enterprise hosted the Pomona Grange Meeting. We had



Eight members and non-members joined Kathy Wardle for her encaustic painting class at Enterprise.

the Kentucky Derby as our theme. For our potluck we had Kentucky food; our own idea of Kentucky Hot Browns, fried chicken, biscuits, and baked ham with glaze. We brought in a TV to watch the big event. We played Derby Bingo and then chose horses who each of us thought would win the race. No one picked the long shot, Mage, to win but several had her on 2nd or 3rd place. What did they know that the rest of us didn't? The winners of the games won prizes. All the women wore their Derby hats and looked beautiful for the occasion. Before the festivities, we did have a productive quarterly meeting.

During the May 10 Enterprise Grange meeting, we celebrated Cinco de Mayo with a Mexican themed potluck. We celebrated Lisa Mittans' birthday with singing and a birthday cake. Discussions during the meeting included widening of 72nd and how it affects the Grange. We also chose delegates for the State Grange Convention.

On May 16, Kathy Wardle was kind enough to share her artistic expertise in a mixed media class at the Grange. 8 members and non-members joined us for class. We did Encaustic painting also known as wax painting. Any oil colors of pigment can be added to the soft wax and mixed in any way you want. Kathy provided the lessons, tools, brushes spatulas, knives, forks and scrapers (almost anything you find around the house that helps to move the wax and shape your painting). It was so fun creating all the different colors and textures on a piece of canvas. Some wonderful things about using this technique are the colors will always remain vibrant and it gives amazing dimension to the finished product. It was such a fun and interesting class and we all thank Kathy for providing her expertise and willingness to teach mostly amateurs a new medium we can all enjoy!

Carol Lackey

Maple Grove

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



Donna Beck restoring 100-year-old bench at Pleasant Park.

fer, CO 80433.

August 12 – Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed with potluck.

Sept. 9 – Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed with potluck.

Oct. 14 – Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed with potluck.

Welcome to new members Suzanne Stevenson, Chuck and Joanne Newby.

The Pomona Picnic was held on July 8 at noon. There was fun, food, fellowship! We also celebrated Bob Kuehster's 97th birthday that day.

The Bicycle Rest Stop is open. The rain has kept many riders away. It is the main fundraiser for this Grange and a large thank you to the large crew that keeps it stocked and organized.

Al Leo and Jean Dent hosted a wildfire/defensive space informational meeting on June 10. They are working hard to keep our community safe.

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Pleasant Park work crew keeping things looking good at our Grange.

for further information.

Maple Grove Grange met in June with Marlys Halbeisen presiding.

The floor refinishing job was done the end of June. Several fundraising events will be done by renters to help pay for the job.

A cleanup day at the Grange will be held the last week of July.

A picnic will be held at the home

of Marlys Halbeisen on August 2 at 10 a.m. It was decided to have it earlier in the day since it can be quite hot later in the day in Aug.

Idella Lewis

Pleasant Park

Contact Yvonne Ludwig, Master, for information, at 303-838-4805, 22551 Pleasant Park Road, Coni-



Sharon Minick, Donna Beck and Ron Schmidt celebrated birthdays at Pleasant Park.



Wildfire/Defensive Space information meeting was hosted by Al Leo and Jean Dent at Pleasant Park.



Darden Pomona's Quarterly Meeting held at Enterprise Grange was Kentucky Derby themed with a potluck, bingo, and watching the race.

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Date: Saturday, August 5th, 2023
Time: 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. (Doors open at 1:30 p.m.)
Where: Maple Grove Grange, 3130 Youngfield St., Wheat Ridge, CO
Suggested donation: \$15.00

Questions? Call Susie Knight (303) 495-4869

Ute Mountain
Dolores and Montezuma Counties

Mount Lookout

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

July 9 – Community Supper.

July 25 – Officers Meeting.

August 13 – Community Supper.

August 22 – Officer Meeting.

On May 14, which fell on Mother's Day this year, Mount Lookout Grange celebrated The Mancos Bloom, one of two annual fundraisers held to ensure our sustainability as a local Grange. We are so grateful for our community support with these projects and they did not disappoint. A very successful silent auction was held, with many items donated by businesses and artists who believe in our mission. A food truck vendor, Broth-L provided a selection of tasty soups, and the band Lavalanch entertained a lively crowd. Our Maypole dance, with participants of all ages, was great fun, as always.

Our summer will be filled with community events such as The Burro Fest in June and Mancos Days in late July, that our Grange is always asked to participate in, and do so



Mount Lookout Grange celebrated The Mancos Bloom with a Maypole dance which was fun for all ages.

joyfully! Our community potlucks will continue throughout the year, open to all, held on the second Sunday of each month, and FoodShare food distributions are held every Monday.

Carol van der Harten

■ **Pleasant Park**

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Donna Beck will lead a cemetery tour of the Conifer Cemetery after the August meeting. All history buffs are invited to attend.

A special thank you to the cleanup crew as they continue to make our Grange Hall glisten and the yard work keeps many busy.

Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings the second Saturday of every month at 10 a.m.

Yvonne Ludwig

Golden Gate

Contact Terri Costeldia, terri.costeldia@hotmail.com, 303-277-0351, for further information.

Line Dancing Class – Friday, July 14 and 28 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Grange Meeting – Thursday, July 6 at 3:30 p.m.

Mutton Bustin' – Saturday, July 30, morning At Buffalo Bill Days.

Grange Meeting – Thursday, August 3 at 3:30 p.m.

Rummage Sale – Friday, August 4, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday, August 5, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Line Dancing Class – Friday, August 11 and 25 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Time to start cleaning out your closets and barns! Our Annual Rummage Sale will take place on August 4 and 5. Please donate your gently used items making sure that clothes are clean and not damaged. No tires, mattresses, televisions, computer equipment, sofas, pressed board furniture. Check with event coordinator, DeeDee Ramstetter (dkmhh1@gmail.com, 303-279-6113) before bringing other large items of furniture. Dates will be provided for drop off closer to the event. This is one of our biggest fundraisers for our Grange. Mark your calendars and come to the sale. Clothes, kitchenware, tools, furniture, books, decorations, collectibles, jewelry, linens, sports equipment, garden items, and more will be available at bargain prices. You will find a great deal and maybe a treasure! Food will be available – Hot Dogs with Chips and Drinks for \$6!

The Golden Gate Grange volunteers have helped with Mutton Bustin' at the Buffalo Bill Days Event for many years. If you would like to join the group that "wrangles" the little mutton busters, contact Terri Costeldia, terricosteldia@hotmail.com, 303-277-0351.

On May 21 a wonderful group of volunteers participated in the Golden Gate Canyon Road Clean-Up. Each pair of volunteers cleaned debris from a portion of the road from just below Galbraith Open Space to above Crawford Gulch. Thanks to

all who gave their time early on that Sunday morning: Terri Costeldia, DeeDee Ramstetter, Rich, Matt, and Vickie Phillips, Sue and Mike Urban, Rachel and Nick Brown, Rob and Paula Wambley, Molly Niven, Kim, Rick, and Trent Bonxaynski.

Over 50 people attended an interesting and informative presentation on the 10-year study about Mountain Lions on the Front Range. Mat Alldredge, leading expert on Mountain Lions from the Colorado Department of Wildlife and director of the study, discussed research that was conducted in our area, including information about how mountain lions are using nearby areas, interacting with human populations, their diets, and population estimates.

On Wednesday, May 31st, Open Space celebrated the listing of the Centennial House in the State Register of Historic Properties with a ceremony at the Golden Gate Grange Hall officially presenting the bronze plaque for the property. Open Space provided tours of the house with shuttle service from the Grange. Over 100 people visited the house and attended the ceremony. This culminated over a year of collaboration between Open Space personnel and Golden Gate Grange members who had personal or family history recollections about the owners and events at the Centennial House.

Thanks to all who donated water and sports drinks for the firefighters/first responders of the Golden Gate Fire Protection District. These supplies will be used during responses to accidents, medical emergencies, fires (hope there are none but...) and training exercises. We received 32 cases of sports drinks and 38 cases of water! Your generosity and support of our firefighters is greatly appreciated.

Line Dancing (2nd and 4th Fridays) continue to be popular privately sponsored events at the Grange. All are welcome to attend. Grange Member Lori Niquette teaches the Line Dancing. So put on your dancing shoes and join in on the fun! Cost is \$5 for Grange members and \$7 for non-Grangers.

Yoga is held on Wednesdays from 3-4 p.m. If you haven't been to a class before, Judy and Susan will provide a class that will offer alternatives for all levels. Please send your email address to jayruesch@aol.com if you would like to be added to the yoga email list for updates, cancellations, or changes from in-person to Zoom classes.

Grange meetings are the first Thursday of each month at 3:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend!

Jayne Ruesch



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

Marvel

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

July 9 – Ice Cream Social.

July 29 – Community Breakfast 8 to 10 a.m.

August 4 – Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

August 5 – 13 La Plata County Fair.

August 19 – Pomona Picnic at ELHI Park in Ignacio 1 p.m.

September 1 – Marvel Grange Meeting 7:30 p.m.

In May we welcomed Gavin Dougharty into membership. We hope to have Yvonne Johnson join us in the near future.

May 9 we served the Basin CO-OP annual Banquet that was held at the La Plata County Fairgrounds to approximately 200 people. Thank you to all who provided cobblers and/or helped serve the banquet. This is our major fundraiser each year.

May 19 Vicki woods came and



Marvel Grange Quilt of Valor recipient Bill Crangle

talked about the Farmers Market at Breen and we had information available about suicide awareness.

June 16 we had a potluck supper AT 6:30 p.m. and a program on Dementia and Alzheimer's.

We have signed up to participate in the Affordable Connectivity program and are looking forward to sharing information in the community and county.

Forty-six attended the potluck on April 21. We presented a quilt of valor to Bill Crangle and recognized 8, actually 9, Road and Bridge employees (one was a former employee). We also had old Grange scrap books on display. Marlon and Moana Greer, Frances Horvath, Sheryl Ayers, and Dave Semadeni shared talents at our celebration. Thank you.

Cindy Greer

Pikes Peak
El Paso and Teller Counties

Florissant

Contact Renee Caldwell, 719-748-5004, florissantgrange@gmail.com, for further information.

Upcoming Events:

July 8 — 4-H Expo. All chapters of 4-H in Teller County will participate and display their best or most fun project.

July 21-23 — Woodland Park High School Reunion.

July 29 — Florissant Heritage Day at the Grange Hall and all-around Florissant.

August 12 — Craft Classes. 9 a.m. Pine Needle Baskets; 10 a.m. Needle Felting; 12 p.m. Paint with me.

August 26 — Flea Market. Every Thursday evening from 6 to 8 p.m., Potluck and Music. All are welcome.

The Florissant Grange Quilt

of Valor Guild meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The end of May is Memorial Weekend. The Florissant Grange held a two-day "pop-up" or small business sale. We had a good crowd and everyone did well. We had a food truck come in and we all enjoyed the food as well.

In June our weather was rain, rain, and some events had to be canceled. Not only was it wet and rainy... it was cold. Where is summer?

June 24, we opened our doors to the Western Music Association. Susie Knight and the crew put on a great show of very talented poets, story tellers, and musicians from all around Colorado. And it was free to the public. The winners of the talent show received cash and a beautiful belt buckle.

May and June have proved to be very good for our Florissant Grange and Harvest Host. We have had campers almost every day. Meeting

and greeting people from all over the country is just so much fun. The best one so far was a family spending the summer traveling the U.S. with their two kids and three dogs. Yes, they had a very large toy hauler with plenty of sleeping space and room for bikes and quads. They really enjoyed our camp site and stayed for three days because there were so many things to do in our area. They joined us for our Potluck and Music and the kids had a great time dancing and took home drum sticks given to them by Master Alan.

The Florissant Grange Quilt of Valor group had a busy two months. We awarded four more Quilts of Valor to Veterans in our area and held an old-fashioned quilting bee. We got together and worked on a scrappy quilt in an assembly line fashion. Some of us were cutting strips, some sewing them together, and some cutting them into squares, and then some sewing all the squares together.

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Florissant Scrappy Quilt made for QOV fundraiser: Joyce Shinault, Renee Caldwell, Stacey Street, and Karen Courier. Not pictured Linda Ewton.



Alan Caldwell welcoming new members to Florissant Grange, Tina and Scott Sensabaugh.

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Marvel Grange recognized Road and Bridge Department employees at their April potluck.



Moana and Marlon Greer, left, and Frances Horvath and Marlon, right, sharing their talents.

Marvel JG

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With the end of school activities filling up time in May we did not meet. We did meet on June 5 and worked on patriotic crafts and welcomed Abby and Taven Koselke as new members. We played some games and reviewed the Junior Grange pledge and talked about the placement of Grange officers using blocks. We also discussed having a Senior citizen lunch. The juniors also planted seeds in the planters at the Grange Hall. We hope they grow and bloom.

Cindy Greer



Marvel Junior Grangers planting seeds in the Grange hall planters.

Progressive
Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas & Elbert Counties

Contact Judy Harrison, 303-598-4330, for further information.

Rob Northway (Garden Home), Judy Harrison (Cherry Creek), and Cherry Ellis (Sunflower), met at Judy's home June 3. Other members couldn't attend because of health issues: Jeanne Davies had fallen and was in a rehab facility; Joan and Skip Hill were also unable to attend. Judy and her family grow quite a variety of fruit and vegetables in their sloped back and side yards. We discussed gardening and farming, the Farm Bureau, and the next meeting in September. All were invited to the Tomato Tasting/Garden-to-Table Potluck that Sunflower will hold in September, possibly with Farm Bureau.

Judy Harrison

Sunflower

Contact Cherry Ellis, 303-688-1997, cherryllis5@yahoo.com, sunflowergrange.org, P.O. Box 221, Sedalia CO 80135, for further information.

Upcoming Events:

Vintage People Band, dates to be announced.

Local History Book Club third Thursdays, reading *Men of Sedalia*.

Tomato Tasting/Garden-to-Table potluck September 9.

Thanks to Danielle Voorhees and Chris Cleary for setting up Sunflower Grange's webpage sunflowergrange.org. As time permits, we'll fill in the gaps and make it more complete this year. Being able to advertise events is the greatest benefit so far.

The first event advertised was the 11th Annual Heirloom Tomato and Plant Sale on May 27. Jami Lope-man, local artist, designed our colorful official poster this year. Art Teacher Jennifer Tucker at Sedalia Elementary had twice as many student posters as last year. Winners Cendyl (K-3) and Colton (4-6) re-

ceived \$15 (including a \$2 bill) and the other 10 contestants each received the very popular \$2 bill. We donated to Mrs. Tucker's art budget to thank her. It was a treat to have Colton and his family come to the Plant Sale to meet us.

Tom Ellis, son of Margaret and Bill, created our very classy Sale Handout (tom@print-partners.com). The front page included excerpts from Mildred Stewart's Sunflower Grange History of 111 years in Sedalia. We also distributed National Grange Garden Design Contest rules that Tom provided for us.

Non-Grange Volunteers grew all the plants — and they're already talking about next year's sale! John and Lindsey Rominsky donated pots, soil, a Powerpoint catalog, and more than 300 plants; Toni Romaine and Denise Ziegler donated more than 350 beautiful plants; Bob Snyder of Louviers (Cowboy Bob's BS Tomato), Ron Johnson of Lakewood, and Wayne Eads (Wayne's Brandywine) of Greeley, each donated plants. Volunteers worked Sale day: Thomas Romaine; Sandi Hier, Suzanne Nieme, Ghislaine Griswold; Lois McLauchlan, Bob Blackburn; Karen and Calvin Stasica; Margaret, Augustus, Dennis Ellis; Dick, Jared, Cherry Ellis; Kathy Hulley and Linda Ref-fel. Augustus and Calvin of Shiloh School earned Community Service Hours for helping and found one sorry-looking egg left from the Grange Easter Egg Hunt in April! Thanks to BMan's BBQ, site of the sale. Starting in March 2020 with COVID restrictions, BMan's has provided us space and hosted many Grange events, and workers are rewarded with BMan's meals. We are grateful for such a good working relationship.

Using seeds from our Seed Swap, Charl Lee Sauer grew plants and gave them to neighbors and friends in Arvada, and Toni Romaine did the same in Broomfield. Our long-time partners Wellspring and Senior Center received some plants at the end of the sale, as did Shiloh School.

Income of \$1,400 from the sale will fund seed swaps, egg hunts, speakers, local history book club, contests, community awards, outdoor movies, Vintage People Band nights, line dancing lessons, Big Foot/story-telling nights, and more for Sedalia. The Plant Project continues in fall with the Tomato Tasting/Garden-to-Table Potluck in September.

Sandi Hier found Marla Gifford to teach some classes in Line Dancing, so dancers were prepared for June 10's Vintage People Band Night with Bruce Hier, Brook Elder, Terry Schriener, Roger Cline, and Jay Jensma on sound. The lead song "Walking in the Rain" fit the weather, but the crowd of 150 slightly damp local families and friends stayed to hear McKenna Coe, the vocalist who just turned 13, sing "Runaway" and more. The Band will play for Bud's Bar's June 24 for Bud's 75th Anniversary!

We will welcome two new members at June's meeting: Jami Lope-man, artist, creator of the new Sedalia Elementary Welcome Sign, a fine local public art piece; and Carrie (Dunn) Thompson, our National Grange FF/EMT Award winner, lifetime resident/farmer/horse whisperer/aspiring pumpkin grower known to many of us. The Douglas County Farm Bureau will give a presentation at June's meeting as well.

Cherry Ellis



Colton, 4th grade poster winner, and family at the Plant Sale.



2023 Sedalia Elementary Poster Contestants and Winners Photos.



Vintage People Band playing at Sunflower Grange.



Vintage People Band



Sunflower Grange 11th Annual Heirloom Tomato & Plant Sale.



Denise Ziegler and Karen Stasica



Linda Reffel and Kathy Hulley

Tentative State Grange Convention Agenda

150th State Session of the COLORADO STATE GRANGE Program

All State Session Meetings and Exhibits will be held at the Holiday Inn Express

All meeting of the State Session of the Colorado State Grange will be held in the **Fourth** Degree and members of any Grange in any state may attend.

Delegates must present their credential cards if the Secretary of their Grange has not already mailed them to the Secretary of the Colorado State Grange prior to the opening of the State Session.

Pianist: Ruth Wilson Francisco
Photographer: Christopher Cleary



Wednesday, October 4, 2023

4:00 p.m. Set up for meeting

6:00 p.m. Officers and Directors Dinner

7:00 p.m. Sixth Degree Practice
State Officers

Practice for Memorial Service to follow

THURSDAY, October 5, 2023

9:30 a.m.

Registration

Check-in time for Lecturer, Family Activities, & Junior Grange contest entries for judging.

9:45 – 10:00 a.m.

State Session Committee Chairmen meet with the State Master.

10:00 a.m. New Delegates meet with State Master

10:30 a.m. All State Session Delegates work on Resolutions.

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er. In three hours, we had more than half the quilt top finished. We met again twice to finish it up and get it to our long arm quilter to do the final quilting. We will be putting it in a silent auction to raise funds for our group.

We lost one of our oldest Grangers in June. Ernie Snare, a 60+ year Grange member, passed away. We will miss you. RIP. We will drape our Charter in July so his family can join us. Services will be announced at a later time.

I will be visiting Golden Gate Grange on June 20 to teach pine needle basket making. It will be nice to go up to their Grange again. It has been several years since I was up there.

July will be a busy month with the 50-Year Woodland Park High School Reunion. Our campsites will be full of campers and the Grange will be full of people. They expect from 60 to 75 people. We sure hope the weather is good for them and they can do all the fun outdoor activities they have planned.

Also, in July we celebrate the History of Florissant with Florissant Heritage Day. At the Grange Hall we will have Crafters and Vendors inside and outside. Hot dogs and Brats will be available and we will have an Ice Cream Sundae table. The Pikes Peak Historical Society Museum will be open with informative geology and rock hound talks. The Historic Cemetery will be open for the annual Cemetery Walk. The Florissant Fossil Beds will have their annual Free entrance day and the Hornbec Homestead will be open with cookies baked in the old wood stove.

Renee Caldwell

11:45 a.m. – recess for lunch

12:00 p.m. – Lunch

1:15 p.m.

Opening of the Colorado State Grange

In full form in the Sixth Degree.

Lowering to the Fourth Degree.

Receiving Honored Guests

Roll Call of Officers/Directors

Communications address from National

President

Adopting Convention Agenda

Partial report of Credentials Committee

Annual address by State Master, Gary Wardle

Report of Treasurer and Secretary

Report of Executive Committee chair

Preliminary Report of Good of the Order

Report of Leadership and Scholarship foundation

Committee Reports

Guest Speaker: National Representative –

Roger Bostwick, High Priest of Demeter

Closing of the Grange

Family Activities Bake Sale

Conferences for sec, Family Activities and

Masters 15 minutes after closing of the Grange.

6:30 p.m.

150th Anniversary Kickoff Celebration with Susie

Knight at the Brighton Armory Performing

Arts Center

FRIDAY, September 23, 2022

6:45 a.m. Colorado State Grange Alumni

Breakfast – Presiding: Idella Lewis

Main Street Café, 161 N. Main Street,

Brighton

8:45 a.m.

Open the Grange in the Fourth Degree

Report of Credentials Committee

Elections of officers

Continuation of Committee Reports

10:00 a.m. –

11:45 a.m.

Recess for Lunch at Brighton Recreation

Center.

12:00 p.m.

Membership Lunch

Dominic Breton, Presiding

1:45 p.m.

Reconvene Session

3:30 p.m. Memorial Service under the direction of Chaplain, Loeda Westphal

6:30 p.m.

Gala – “Raised Right Here” at Brighton Recreation Center

8:30 p.m. or ASAP following Gala - Annual meeting of PICK – Everyone invited.

Saturday, October 7

6:45 a.m.

Colorado State Grange Past Master’s

Breakfast - Main Street Café, 161 N. Main

Street, Brighton

Presiding: David McCord

8:45 a.m.

Open the Grange

Continuation of Committee Reports

10:00 a.m.

Installation of Officer – National

Representatives

Spotlight on Grange – Crescent Grange

12:00 p.m. JG Lunch at Brighton Recreation Center.

1:45 p.m.

Short Form 5th Degree

2:00 p.m.

Sixth Degree conferred by State Grange

Officers

Close the Grange in full form in the Fourth

Degree

6:00 p.m.

Annual Banquet of Colorado State Grange

Brighton Recreation center

Executive Committee Chairman:

Tom Campion, presiding

Presentation of Quilts of Valor

Talent Showcase

7:15 p.m. Raffle Drawing

RESERVATIONS FOR MEAL FUNCTIONS FOR STATE SESSION

Deadline For Ticket Orders: September 22, 2023

Fill in the number of tickets you are ordering. Include a check made out to: **Colorado State Grange**. Mail to: Colorado State Grange: 7629 County Road 100, Hesperus, CO 81326. Pre-paid tickets will be at the Registration Table.

Name: _____

No. of Tickets	Meal Function	Total
_____	Alumni Breakfast — October 6, 6:45 a.m. <i>Past State Officers and Directors & Spouses at Main Street Cafe</i>	<i>Dutch treat</i> _____
_____	Membership Lunch — Fri, Oct 6, 12:00 noon catered by Dickies BBQ. At Brighton Recreation Center <i>Everyone invited, 13 and under</i>	\$10.00 _____ @ \$5.00 _____
_____	Past Masters Breakfast — Sat., Oct 7, 6:45 a.m. <i>at Main Street Café</i> <i>For Past Masters & Spouses</i>	<i>Dutch treat</i> _____
_____	JG Lunch — Sat., Oct 7, Noon At Brighton Recreation Center Sandwiches, Chips, salads..... <i>Everyone invited</i>	@10.00 _____ 13 and under @ 5.00 _____
_____	Annual Banquet — Sat., Oct 7, 6 p.m. At Brighton Recreation Center Chicken and Beef with Salad, Vegetable and dessert.....	@\$20.00 _____ 13 and under @\$10.00 _____

_____ I Plan to take the 5th and 6th degree at State Session
5th degree \$1.00 each _____

6th Degree \$5.00 each _____

TOTAL AMOUNT OF ALL MEALS & Degrees INCLUDED \$ _____