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Community Food Access Program Seats Inaugural Grant Advisory Committee Members

Broomfield, Colo. — Colorado Commissioner of Agriculture Kate Greenberg has approved the selection of six inaugural members to serve on the Community Food Access Grant Advisory Committee that will help establish rules on how to disburse approximately \$6 million in grants to lower prices for and increase access to healthy food in underserved areas of the state by supporting small food retailers and small family farms.

“Committee members collectively bring knowledge of operating small retail stores, farming, grant-making, supporting small businesses, working with SNAP EBT systems, and in some cases, using SNAP themselves,” said Mickey Davis, Community Food Access program manager. “We are confident this committee will bring the perspectives necessary to make an impactful grant program.”

The goal of the Community Food Access program is to help small food retailers and small family farms impacted by COVID-19 purchase equipment or reduce the cost of providing access to healthy food in low income, low access neighborhoods and underserved areas of the state. The Grant Advisory Committee will help develop grant materials, qualifying criteria, and assist in the award process of approximately \$6 million in grants.

The selected committee members represent both statewide service areas and smaller communities.

“I feel strongly that we each have the responsibility to contribute, as we can, to improving the environment of opportunity and equity for all in our communities. The food system is a foundational prerequisite to these efforts,” said Dean Vidal, a farmer in Southwest Colorado, and newly appointed committee member.

“CDA’s program and the enabling legislation’s intent offer real leverage for Colorado communities. I’m excited to be a part of helping our communities prosper.”

The committee members are:

- Nim Patel, Colorado Enterprise Fund
- Dean Vidal, Farmer, La Plata Food Equity Coalition and President of Animas Valley Grange #194
- Sara Mayer, Rocky Mountain Farmers Union
- Andrea Crary, Department of Local Affairs (DOLA), Colorado Resiliency Office
- Megan Harris, Hunt or Gather Buying Club
- Shaina Knight, Food Bank of the Rockies

More information on the Advisory Committee and the Community Food Access Program can be found on CDA’s website (ag.colorado.gov) and in House Bill 22-1380.

The Colorado Granger Newspaper — A Survey

If you’re reading this edition of *The Colorado Granger*, we need your help. At State Session last September, one of the business items discussed was the increasing costs of publishing and mailing this newspaper, *The Colorado Granger*, out to all of you. As of this year, we know that we will

spend 13% of our annual budget on it. We send out between 750 and 800 copies, and each bi-monthly edition has cost between \$2,000 and \$2,300 for printing and postage each month. Postage has gone up quite a bit since this time last year. We are looking for ways to save money, by hearing from you all. Please help us by responding to this survey. You can cut it out and mail it for your family, you can email your response, or you can fill out an online survey. We want to be sure everyone’s opinion is heard and that no one is double-counted.

One cost-saving solution of publishing the *Granger* in a digital format, as well as printing and sending it to a much smaller mailing list is being explored, as well as other options. We know there are some of you who either have trouble with online access, or just have a strong preference for continuing to receive a paper

copy in the mail. If we do reduce the number of copies we have printed and mailed, the price per copy will increase, but we can still save a good amount of money if we end up with printing a few hundred less copies. The goal of this committee is to present a resolution to the State delegates in September with the most cost-effective proposition.

We’re asking for your name and Grange as part of your response so that we can contact you with any clarifying questions. We’re asking for your email address if you actively use it and would like to receive your *Granger* newspaper in a digital format, so we can get a head start on building the email list for that purpose. Local Grange Masters/Presidents, please help us to ensure all of your members are aware of this survey and encourage them to respond. Thank you, in advance, for your help!

The Colorado Granger Newspaper Survey

Your Name: _____

Your Grange: _____

1. How interested are you in getting the *Granger* in email instead of getting a paper copy?

Very Maybe Maybe Not Not at All

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Yes No (If “Yes,” please provide your email address.)

3. What is your email address (optional)?

4. If your preference is to continue to get the *Granger* as a paper copy in the mail, would you be willing to pay a small annual fee to offset the cost?

Yes No

5. If “Yes,” how much would you be willing to pay per year?

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(At the current per-copy price, one year (six issues) costs about \$18.)

Please either mail or email your survey response by July 1 to the State Grange office at:

Colorado State Grange
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Hesperus, CO 81326
costategrange@gmail.com

You can also find this survey on the Colorado State Grange website at: <https://coloradogranger.org/survey>

Upcoming Events

Call individual Granges for more information.

Every Thursday Evening – Florissant Potluck and Music from 6 to 8 p.m. All are welcome.

May 6 Progressive Pomona Meeting and Potluck at 11:30 a.m. at Judy Harrison’s. RSVP 303-598-4330.

May 6 Darden Pomona Meeting at Enterprise Grange, 3:30 to 6 p.m.

May 10 Redlands Mesa Game Night

May 10 Enterprise Grange Meeting, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

May 10 Left Hand Grange Business Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

May 12 Golden Gate – Line Dancing Class, 7 to 9 p.m.

May 12 Redlands Mesa Music Circle, featuring Bake Sale

May 13 Florissant Craft Classes (Baskets 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Needle Felting 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Paint With Me 1 to 3 p.m.)

May 14 Golden Gate – Pancake Breakfast, 8 to 10:30 a.m. Moms Eat Free

May 14 Mount Lookout Annual Mancos Bloom Fundraiser

May 16 Sip and Paint Class at Enterprise Grange, 6 to 9 p.m. Kathy Wardle teaching Mixed Media.

May 19 Golden Gate – Couples Dancing Class, 7 to 9 p.m.

May 19 Marvel Grange Potluck Supper and Program, 6:30 p.m.

May 20 Redlands Mesa Manicotti Dinner

May 20 Florissant Learn to Sew Class, 1 to 3 p.m.

May 21 Golden Gate – GGC Road Clean-Up at 7 a.m.

May 23 Mount Lookout Officers Meeting

May 25 Redlands Mesa History Talk, featuring Bake Sale.

May 25 Golden Gate Mountain Lion Program, 7 p.m.

May 26 Golden Gate – Line Dancing Class, 7 to 9 p.m.

May 27 11th Annual Sunflower Grange Heirloom Tomato and Plant Sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at BMan’s BBQ in Sedalia. Plants grown by the community.

Contacts: Lindsey and John Rominsky.

May 27 Florissant Craft Show and Flea Market, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

May 31 Golden Gate Centennial House Dedication at 4:30 p.m.

June 1 Golden Gate Grange Meeting at 3:30 p.m.

June 2 to June 11 – Golden Gate GGFPD Hydration Event

June 2 Golden Gate – Couples Dancing Class, 7 to 9 p.m.

June 2 Marvel Grange Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m. June Spriggs Program

June 9 Golden Gate – Line Dancing Class, 7 to 9 p.m.

June 9-11 Great Plains Regional Leadership Conference, Kerrville, TX

June 10 Pleasant Park Regular Meeting, 10 a.m. followed with Potluck

June 10 Vintage People Band at BMan’s BBQ, starting at 6p.m., sponsored by Sunflower Grange

June 10 Privately Sponsored Dance, Golden Gate

June 11 Mount Lookout Grange Dinner

June 14 Left Hand Grange Business Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

June 16 Marvel Grange Potluck and Program on Alzheimer’s/Dementia, 6:30 p.m.

June 16 Golden Gate – Couples Dancing Class, 7 to 9 p.m.

June 23 Golden Gate – Line Dancing Class, 7 to 9 p.m.

June 28 Mount Lookout Officers Meeting

July 1 Granger Survey Questionnaire Due in State Grange Office

July 6 Golden Gate Grange Meeting at 3:30 p.m.

July 7 Golden Gate – Couples Dancing Class, 7 to 9 p.m.

July 7 Marvel Grange Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

July 8 Pleasant Park Regular Meeting, 10 a.m. followed by Darden Pomona Picnic

July 9 Marvel Grange Ice cream social – 3 p.m.

July 14 Golden Gate – Line Dancing Class, 7 to 9 p.m.

July 6 Golden Gate Grange Meeting, 3:30 p.m.

July 21 Golden Gate – Couples Dancing Class, 7 to 9 p.m.

July 28 Golden Gate – Line Dancing Class, 7 to 9 p.m.

July 29 Marvel Grange Community Breakfast, 8 to 10 a.m.

July 30 Buffalo Bill Days Mutton Bustin’, Golden Gate, Morning

August 3 Golden Gate Grange Meeting, 3:30 p.m.

August 4-5 Golden Gate Rummage Sale, Saturday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

August 9 Left Hand Grange Business Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

August 11 Golden Gate – Line Dancing Class, 7 to 9 p.m.

August 12 Pleasant Park Regular meeting, 10 a.m. followed with Potluck

August 16 Enterprise Grange Meeting, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

August 18 Golden Gate – Couples Dancing Class, 7 to 9 p.m.

August 19 Darden Pomona at Maple Grove Grange

August 25 Golden Gate – Line Dancing Class, 7 to 9 p.m.

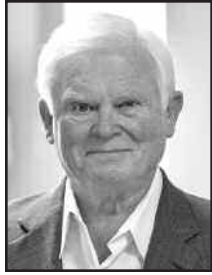
Sept. 21-23 Colorado State Grange Convention

Master's Message

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I hope all are enjoying this spring weather. I look forward to hearing of all your Grange Month activities. I am sure they are all a great success and helped to find new members.

In this paper is a survey to determine how we continue to distribute the *Granger* paper. Please take time to complete the survey. My goal will always be to provide communications to all Grangers. I want to thank the members who are serving on the committee to study the *Granger* distribution. They are working hard to

benefit the Grange.

I have been working on the location for the 2023 State Grange convention. I should know more by April 20, 2023. I have applied for a Lodging Tax grant through the City of Brighton. If approved we will host the convention in Brighton at their cultural art center, the Brighton Armory. The grant will pay the rental fee and assist with catering costs. I will send information to Master and Secretaries once we are confirmed with the location.

There is no new news on the sale of the national Grange building. The realtor continues to show the building but no offers.

The Colorado Broadband office continues to solicit input concerning providing broadband services to rural Colorado. To see how you can participate in the process please google Advance Colorado Broadband for more information.

Membership needs to continue to be a priority for all Granges. As we move out of the difficulties of the past two years there are Granges who are considering turning in their charters. As our existing members become older, we need to host events to find new members that will continue the good work of our Granges in your communities. The state Grange will be 150-years-old this year. We all need to work to ensure the Grange is viable in the future. Your Granges need to identify ways your Grange can benefit your community's and work with other organizations to accomplish the goals. Projects benefiting the community will attract new members. Grange is an origination that can help bring communities together. Let me know how I can assist your Grange.

I have talked to many Granges that are doing great things in their community. They are having cultural events, doing community service, providing garden projects, and recognizing persons from their community for their service. They enrich lives by providing social and educational opportunities for Grange and community members. I congratulate the many Granges that are growing and providing services to their community and members.

Are You Feeling Disconnected From National Grange News?

Each Friday morning, an email arrives — your computer dings, your phone buzzes, a notification pops up on your computer screen. The email is from the National Grange — either the *Patrons Chain* or the once-a-month *View from the Hill*. Without fail, that email has come to you for years, and then you notice... it's not coming anymore. It's not in your junk or spam folders, you didn't change your email address... *where is it?*

Scrolling emails on your phone, it's really easy to accidentally unsubscribe, mark the email as spam, or remove yourself from our mailing list. Unfortunately, it's not so easy for the National Grange staff to resubscribe you. Because of the software used to send these emails, the only way to get back on the weekly email list is to sign up again — staff are unable to do it for you.

That's why we tried to make it simple for you to get back on the email list! Visit www.nationalgrange.org/ comeback to be added back to our mailing list through Constant Contact. On the form, check "Newsletter" to start getting our weekly *Patrons Chain* and *View from the Hill* emails again.

Checking "General Interest" will also subscribe you to other communications through the National Grange emails. Don't worry, we promise not to clutter your inbox.

If you haven't subscribed to the newsletter before, this form will still work for you!

Here's what you can expect by signing up:

- Each week includes columns from National Grange President Betsy Huber, one of our Department Directors, and information about what's happening at the National Grange
 - The Legislative Department includes two columns a month — one is the "Advocacy Playbook," which picks a specific issue and helps Grange members know how to get involved; and the last Friday of the month is the "View from the Hill," which gives a rundown on what's happening on Capitol Hill and how it affects Grange policy.
- So, if you're feeling a little disconnected from National Grange news and information, be sure to update your subscription to the National Grange's newsletters!

Notes From The Secretary

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"One of your important duties is keeping good records. Any worker can do a better job if he has the proper tools with which to work. Over the years, books and forms have been developed that will help you keep more complete Grange records."

"As Secretary you are one of the bonded officers of your Grange. As such it is important that you, in cooperation with the treasurer, handle the funds of the Grange in a very business-like manner. You should insist that your accounts be audited at least once a year."

The two quotes above were taken from a pamphlet called *Guidelines for Secretaries*, published in 1967 when John W. Scott was the National

Grange Secretary. These two quotes still stand true today. Some of our methods for keeping good records have changed from handwritten to typewritten or taken on a computer. It is important to make sure that these records are put on paper and in a safe place for your Grange. We all know computers crash and lose things on a regular basis. Floppy discs are no longer compatible with computers, recordable CDs are on the way out, and those zip drives don't fit every computer anymore. The cloud is prominent, but for me it's a struggle to depend on the cloud. So it's important to do our part to preserve the records of the Grange.

When you as the secretary receive a

Chaplain's Corner

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In Matthew 6:31, we read "So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' Or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'" And later in verse 33 Jesus reminds us that we "seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." Thinking about these verses, do you ever wonder why we place so many emphases on our possessions? Even with careful purchases, we seem to accumulate materialistic items. All of our "stuff" can create a burdensome situation. Worldly ways become energy users, and often keep us from the true message of Christ. It takes so much time and energy to properly take care of our possessions.

However, for some of us, it is really difficult to let go of items. We need to keep a special dress, because we might need it. Yes, we will wear it again. This dish is a gift from my friend. Thoughts like these keep us from unloading what we should re-

lease for a recycle program or donating. The cycle continues, and it is hard to find time to remember that all we have is enough.

In Roger Owens' book "What We Need Is Here" he helps us understand that God has given us everything we need. Taking only what we need and no more prevents the wasteful accumulations that sometimes happen in life. Removing the clutter helps lighten the load. Instead of wanting more, Jesus is sufficient and will give us what we need.

COLORADO STATE GRANGE MEMORIALS

Donations should be made payable to CSG Leadership/Scholarship. Mail to Colorado State Grange, 7629 County Road 100, Hesperus, CO 81326, with the following information: name and Grange affiliation of deceased, name of person or group making donation, and name and address of person who should receive the memorial card.

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PICK would like to help you make your Grange a Golden Honor Grange. So what do you need to be a Golden Honor Grange? The answer is to incorporate mental health awareness and training into your programming. The National Grange has launched a new initiative for any Grange that completes one mental health program during the year.

Rural Minds has partnered with the National Grange on this project. Rural minds focuses on mental health in rural areas. Mental health issues can lead one to suicide. If your Grange would like to order printed materials from the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) to distribute in your community PICK will pay for the costs of the material, within

reason. The materials come in packs of 25 and have a varying price range.

Granges have promoted people getting CPR training. Why not promote QPR training. People trained in QPR learn how to recognize the warning signs of a suicidal crisis and how to question, persuade, and refer someone to help. WPR can be learned in a Gatekeeper course in as little as one hour.

You might be able to arrange for a speaker from a local Rural Minds chapter and a suicide prevention chapter in your area.

Check out the *Good Day* magazine article on page 8 and 9.

QPR Institute offers on-line courses and also provides a list of local individuals trained to teach the program. There is a cost to the training.

The Colorado Granger Guidelines

June 15, 2023, is the deadline for articles for the July-August 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 non-members and visiting Grangers)

communication from the state office or the National Grange please be sure that you give it priority. In March the exempt property reports for Granges with property was sent out with a deadline of April 1. Unfortunately, there were some Granges who failed to fill that form out and return it to the office by the deadline. I realize that the USPS could have not delivered it, but I did send out an e-mail telling everyone that it was in the USPS and they needed to be on the lookout for it, yet we still had several forms that were late. By the time this paper is out the second quarterly reports will be in the mail to secretaries. Please be on the lookout for them, so that you can get them in as soon after June 30 as you can.

Wib And June Justi Youth Community Service Award

Community Service is an integral part of the Grange that allows local members to interact and serve the communities where they reside. The National Grange will continue to recognize winners on the state level. The National Grange Youth Department and National Grange Community Service Department are pleased to announce the National Grange Wib and June Justi Youth Community Service Award. State Presidents, State Youth Committees, and/or State Community Service Committees can nominate a Grange youth/young adult between the ages of 14 and 35, or a group of Grange Youth for the award.

The application deadline is September 1. State winners will receive a certificate and be recognized at National Session during Youth Leadership Days. The Community Service and Youth Departments will organize a committee to select one overall winner. The overall winner will receive a plaque in recognition of their achievements.

If you have questions contact National Grange Youth Development Director at youth@nationalgrange.org, or National Grange Community Service Director Pete Pompper at mbeachgranger@gmail.com or 609-820-6239 (c). Please mail the applications to National Grange Youth Development Director: Samantha Wilkins 21578 Pleasanton Road San Antonio, TX 78264 Electronic applications can be found at: www.nationallgrangeyouth.org.

Please contact the State Grange president if you have a nomination.

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Spring has sprung and I was looking at the National Lecturer's contests for the year and thought a couple of them might be of interest to you even if you don't wish to participate in the contests. If interested in any of the following contact me or go to the National website and look at the Lecturer's contests under the Lecturer's Programs. All deadlines are September 1.

The first is not really a contest but a challenge. It is to watch and chart the weather in your area. You will chart date, time, wind, temperature, sun, clouds, and precipitation and make any relevant notes. The challenge is broken down into three groups: Junior Grange (5-14), Individual adult (14+), and Group (Subordinate Grange as a whole). This contest started August 2022 and ends August 2023, but this is still a good

project just for fun,

The second that I really thought would be fun is the Design a Garden contest. This can also be found in the Lecturer's Contest section on the National Grange website. You share gardening experiences, large or small, that connect us to the larger picture of agriculture, growing and nurturing plants for a variety of purposes.

Continue to take those photos, work on those quilt blocks and get your baking, arts and crafts ready for the State convention coming up in September. I am looking forward to receiving your reports, please send them in even if you only do one thing that applies to the star report, it may be an idea that the others could benefit from. There is no we didn't do anything, even if you just have a something like a potluck that is something I would like you to share.



Family Activities

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What a special time of year when spring has arrived! Birds are singing cheerfully, baby animals are frolicking in green pastures, and flowers are appearing. What a welcome sight, after a cold winter!

Something you might want to try this year is to add edible flowers to your meal. Many of the common flowers that are grown can be used not only as a garnish, but also eaten, used in jams, or used in teas. Flowers can add a spectacular touch to an ordinary meal, adding color, flavor, and texture to foods. Some edible flowers add a spicy flavor while others add a

floral or a fragrant touch.

Before you eat a flower, be sure to check to be sure it is safe to eat. It must be free of pesticides or sprays. Edible flowers that are sold in stores must be organic if eaten. Flowers from a florist shop usually have been sprayed with pesticides or preservatives, so eat only those you know to be consumable and safe to eat. It may cause an allergic reaction, so if uncertain do some research to be on the safe side.

Some of the more common garden flowers that can be consumed are as follows:

- Allium-includes leeks, chives, and garlic.
- Bee balm-minty flavor
- Calendula-spicy
- Clover-peppery
- Nasturtium-spicy
- Roses-fruity
- Violets/pansies/phlox-sweet

Some blossoms, such as zucchini and squash blossoms and day lilies, can be breaded and fried and can be quite tasty. A very pretty way to dress up an ordinary green salad is to add a few petals for color.

So go ahead, be brave, and try something new!

Legislative Activity

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This is what is being discussed in the state Legislature that could mean a big problem for all of us.

This is what is being discussed for nonprofits.

Our priorities promote affordable, healthy, equitable, accessible, resilient, economically vital, and vibrant communities:

- Increase housing choice and attainability: Provide more homes of all shapes and sizes for all ages, incomes, lifestyles, and abilities. Create enough additional housing supply (rental and ownership) to meet demand at all income levels and build it in locations that provide convenient and affordable access to jobs, schools, and other services.
- Provide additional affordable hous-

ing: Expand and preserve affordable housing for households with lower incomes and those living with disabilities, particularly in high-opportunity communities.

- Prevent gentrification and displacement: Ensure existing residents and local small businesses are not pushed out of their neighborhoods by rising land value and rents.
- Engage communities that are most vulnerable to displacement through equitable processes: Prioritize the voices of the most-impacted community members in decision-making and partner with them to identify improvements that benefit their neighborhoods. Operate with cultural and trauma sensitivity, conduct outreach in multiple languages,

make meetings fully accessible to people of all abilities, and provide information in plain language.

- Advance racial, disability, and economic justice: Address historic harms in disproportionately impacted communities and build community wealth. Promote attainable rental housing for housing stability and affordable homeownership to close the racial and disabled individuals wealth gap.
- Reduce dependence on cars: Encourage transportation-efficient land use patterns that improve connectivity and enable non-auto transportation options like transit, biking, rolling in a wheelchair, and walking, making them safe and accessible to all Coloradans, including with limited mobility, hearing, or sight.
- Limit sprawl and foster climate-friendly land use: Protect our natural and agricultural lands, reduce wildfire risk, and promote energy and water efficiency through environmentally-sound building practices. Minimize new development on previously undeveloped land and optimize the use of existing infrastructure, particularly in climate-resilient areas.
- Incorporate water efficiency in all aspects of land use planning and promote additional municipal water conservation: Ensure water-efficient residential and commercial development and redevelopment, which will help reduce both indoor and outdoor water use, reduce water bills, provide for beneficial Colorado appropriate landscapes, and ensure our communities are resilient in the face of population growth and climate change.
- Foster statewide collaboration: Develop a comprehensive set of practical solutions and guidelines to address statewide housing and climate issues while allowing local governments the flexibility to tailor strategies to the needs of their own communities.
- Develop clear and effective plans: Plan for future housing needs and climate-friendly land use in each community with clear timelines for implementation.



Agriculture Report

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SB23-213 Land Use

The State Legislature will be acting on Senate Bill 23-213, the first "land use" bill I have seen in years with hearings to begin in early April. The 100+page bill has agricultural considerations to protect important agricultural land (whatever that means), and water use, among other goals related to housing. Mike Lackey may be looking at this too.

Concerning state land use requirements, and, in connection therewith, establishing a process to diagnose and address housing needs across the state, addressing requirements for the regulation of accessory dwelling units, middle housing, transit-oriented areas, key corridors, and manufactured and modular homes, prohibiting certain planned unit development resolutions, prohibiting a local government from enforcing certain occupancy limits, modifying the content requirements for county and municipal master plans, prohibiting certain municipalities from imposing minimum square footage requirements for residential units, requiring entities to submit a completed and validated water loss audit report to the Colorado water conservation board, prohibiting a unit owners' association from prohibiting certain kinds of housing, requiring the transportation commission and the department of transportation to modify the state highway access code, criteria for certain grant programs, and expenditures from the multimodal transportation options fund to align with state strategic growth objectives, and making an appropriation.

Colorado Ag Council, several items

- Grange President Gary Wardle and I attended the Ag Day at the Capital sponsored by the Council, March 22. This was not the food expo that characterized Ag Days of the past. Gary was recognized from the House floor along with other Colorado ag dignitaries.
- Robert Sakata asked Council members to support the August meeting of the American Phytopathological Society's "Plant Health 2023" conference in Denver. This is a meeting of 1000 or so plant health professionals and scientists dedicated to the study of and management of

plant diseases, especially as they relate to providing food, fiber, energy, and eco-system services for a hungry world population. The goal is to encourage both our Colorado delegation and state senators and representatives to visit the conference and to support funding for plant disease control, especially in the next Farm Bill. Sen. Bennet and Rep. Caraveo are on their respective Ag Committees.

- An Initiative was begun by the anti-oil and gas proponents to stop all oil and gas wells by 2030.
- A dustup is underway in several states asserting that livestock Vax based on COVID-19 vaccine technology, entitled mRNA, would enter consumer meat products. False, while such viral treatments are possible, they are not approved for animal use in the U.S. for virus disease and per veterinary pharmacy web sites. They would not be present in meat products anyway. Colorado official ag offices are being jammed from callers who appear to be ill-informed and ignorant Anti-Vaxers opposed to use of such animal vaccinations.
- Pending ag related legislation and related: energy audits for large buildings above 80,000 sq. ft. — not supposed to include large ag use buildings; building codes to mitigate (rural) wild fire risks (metal roofs and siding, etc.). Three bills on wolf introduction: 1) compensation to people who suffer damages because of wolf depredation at \$175,000 first year, (then expected \$350,000 the next). 2) apply ESA's 10j provision — require NEPA/EIS to help ensure wolf management, otherwise, wolves would be inserted and left to the forces of nature absent any controls including lethal; 10j process to be completed prior to wolf re-introduction. 3) "BORN TO BE WILD" wolf license plates, funds generated to be used for nonlethal means in mitigating conflicts with gray wolves. This bill has unified support from the pro-wolf crowd and sportsmen's groups and probable support from the Governor. (Though I can't imagine anyone with a wolf license plate showing up in sheep and cattle country — go figure?)

Mandy Project

Cindy Greer, Coordinator

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May is better hearing and speech month. The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association website states that the theme for 2023 is "Building a Strong Foundation."

Speech & Language Disorders

Speech disorders occur when a person is unable to produce speech sounds correctly or fluently, or has problems with their voice. Language disorders occur when a person has trouble understanding others (receptive language) or sharing thoughts, ideas and feelings completely (expressive language).

Speech-language pathologists identify, assess, and treat speech and language problems.

Quick Facts:

- 5% to 10% of Americans may have communication disorders, costing the U.S. approximately \$154—186 billion annually. (source)
- By the first grade, roughly 5% of children have noticeable speech disorders. (source)
- 3 million+ Americans stutter. (source)
- Nearly 7% of Americans have some form of language impairment. (source)
- Approximately 1 million Americans suffer from aphasia. (source)

Hearing Loss & Disorders

Hearing loss is determined by three categories:

- Type of hearing loss
 - Degree of hearing loss
 - Configuration of hearing loss
- Audiologists are healthcare professionals who provide patient-centered care in the prevention, identification, diagnosis, and evidence-based treatment of hearing, balance, and other auditory disorders for people of all ages.

Quick Facts:

- Approximately 37.5 million Americans report having some trouble hearing. (source)
- According to an AARP/ASHA 2011 poll of AARP members, 47% of respondents reported having untreated hearing loss. (source)
- 1 in 5 Americans have hearing loss in at least 1 ear. (source)
- Approximately 26 million Americans, ages 20-69, have high frequency hearing loss due to exposure to loud noises. (source)
- The Centers for Disease Control estimate the lifetime costs for all people with hearing loss born in the year 2000 will total \$2.1 billion. Most of these costs will come from lost wages due to inability or limited ability to work.

Proclamation

- Communication disorders are among the most common conditions in children and adults, affecting tens of millions of people in the United States alone. Left untreated, these disorders can negatively impact a person's academic, social, and career success — as well as their overall quality of life.
- With early treatment, many communication disorders can be reversed or even prevented. However, treatment at any age or any stage can make a positive impact.
- In recognizing May as Better Hearing and Speech Month, we salute the audiologists and speech-language pathologists in our community who dedicate themselves every day to improving the lives of their clients, patients, and students.
- Let's also recognize the needs of those among us who have hearing, speech, language, and swallowing disorders—and do all that we can to ensure that they have access to the services of audiologists and speech-language pathologists who can help them communicate effectively and swallow safely.

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.

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Community Service

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Hello Grangers! I hope you all are having a good Spring so far. It looks like we may be in for a ride this year, with many of us in areas of the state where we could be impacted by flooding from the over abundance of snowpack as it melts more quickly than we'd like it to. Others of us still have drought conditions in our areas, and it's certainly been windy — which means fire danger and also more rapid snowmelt.

As you think of ways you can respond to the needs of others in your communities, I'd like to remind you about the animals. Both domesticated pets and wildlife are affected by floods and fires, just as humans are. Sometimes they need to have food brought in, and sometimes they need to have veterinary care — or transport to that care, or to shelter.

If there are displaced pets, they may need foster care while their human families get back on their feet. If you have the room, you may even be able to provide foster care for animals we don't normally think of in the context of temporary foster care, such as horses, goats, pigs, or chickens.

There are always needs for foster care for cats and dogs, and even sometimes for rabbits, lizards, and smaller mammals like guinea pigs. I encourage you to think about them too when something happens to the humans in your communities.

Certainly, in the more populous areas of the state, when people are having trouble making ends meet, having help with pet food can save them from the heart-breaking decision to surrender a family pet to a shelter, where it may be euthanized. The Colorado Pet Pantry is a wonderful resource for helping people keep caring for their pets so they can keep all of their family together. There are also opportunities to learn how to teach dogs to be service animals, or even to be search and rescue dogs. Horse rescues often can use help with maintenance of their facilities. I encourage you to keep your eyes and ears open for opportunities for community service for animals as well as for humans, as you think of projects in which your Grange can be involved in. Thank you for all you do and the difference you make in the world!

Real Estate Management

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What Is Title Insurance?

So what exactly is "title insurance?" Well, when a property is financed, bought, or sold, a record of that transaction is generally filed in public archives. Likewise, records of other events that may affect the ownership of a property, like liens or levies, are also archived.

When you buy title insurance for your property, a title company searches these records to find — and remedy, if possible — several types of ownership issues. First, the title company searches public records to determine the property's ownership status. After this search, the underwriter will determine the insurability of the title.

Even the most skilled title professionals may not find all problems associated with a property, though. Some risks, such as title issues due to filing errors, forgeries, or undisclosed

heirs, are difficult to identify. So after the title company finishes its searching, it also provides a title insurance policy that will help protect you from a variety of issues that might be uncovered later.

If you take out a mortgage loan when you buy your property, your lender will require a loan policy of title insurance. This protects the lender's interest in your property until your loan is paid off or refinanced.

On the other hand, an owner's policy of title insurance insures your ownership rights to the property. Even though you'll pay for this policy only once, your coverage will last as long as you own your home.

A real estate purchase may be the largest financial investment you ever make. So, when you buy an owner's policy of title insurance, just think of it as buying some peace of mind!

Health Awareness

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Warmer weather is here..... or on its way and we must remember to stay hydrated. The recommended amount of water is half your body weight in ounces. For example if you weigh 100 pounds you should drink a minimum of 50 ounces of water daily. However if you are sweating you will require more.

Water is the healthiest beverage option and while one can hydrate with water alone, you might be craving a bit more flavor, wanting to indulge in a treat, or looking for added nutrients such as calcium or protein.

When choosing a beverage, it's important to limit your intake of added sugar. Beverages are the number one added sugar source in the U.S., even more so than snacks and sweets such as candy, doughnuts, and ice cream. The 2015-2020 Dietary Guidelines for Americans says that added sugars should make up less than 10% of your daily calories. With all the added sugars these days that can be a challenge.

Remember that while it's tempting to think liquid calories "don't count," they do, and they can quickly add up if you're not careful.

Water is the perfect beverage: a calorie-free, refreshing way to hydrate. In places with safe tap water, there's no reason to spend extra for bottled water. Fill your own water bottle to encourage water drinking throughout the day.

If you're craving flavor, there are ways to add zest to your glass without the sugar:

- Try adding slices of lime, lemon, cucumber, mint, or most any berry or tasty veggie.
 - Flavored, sugarless sparkling waters are a good calorie-free option if you like the zest of carbonation.
- Dairy milk can be a good option for balanced nutrition. Fat-free skim or 1% milk is the best choice for most adults. Or you can opt for nondairy milk alternatives.

Condensed from Mayo Clinic Health Letter.



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From the Patron's Chain, Grange members are getting some new benefits such as rental cars from Avis to the new one from Harvest Hosts. Grange members can now enjoy 20% off their membership with Harvest Hosts, which has more than 825 partner sites across the U.S. and Canada that allow members with RVs to stay one night free on the property of an agriculturally-oriented business. In addition to the agricultural-based destinations, individuals can add to their membership the "+golf" option that includes more than 350 golf courses.

There is an app associated with Harvest Host that provides maps of the destinations, trip routing and planning, and much more. Members of Harvest Hosts can also enjoy other RV-oriented savings. Grange members with RVs are encouraged to check out Harvest Hosts at www.harvesthosts.com and use the code GRANGE at checkout.

If you haven't already, check out the other benefits offered by the Grange regarding health care, pharmacy, hotel and car rental, shopping and insurance.

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.

Grange Display Contest (Formerly Folding Display Contest)

The goal of the Grange Display contest is to create either a digital or folding display that could be utilized at a county fair, library, Grange open house, or other forum to promote the Grange, Grange program or Grange issue.

Contest Rules:

- 1) All entrants must be youth or young adult members of a subordinate/community Grange.
- 2) There will be two age divisions of the Folding Display Contest: **Youth** – Grange members between the ages of 14-21 as of Jan. 1; **Young Adult** – Grange members between the ages of 22-35.
- 3) The display theme must be Grange related. State Youth directors must notify National Youth Director by September 1st or after State Ses-

sion, of any entries. (Not required to be a state winner.)

4) All entries must be exhibited at the National Grange Session; members need not attend to participate.

5) A Grange member may enter as an individual OR as a member of a group. All group entry members must be in the same age division.

6) Folding Display should be no larger than 3' x 4' and should be able to stand by itself. Digital displays must be on a flash drive and in .MP4, .MPG, WMA format.

7) Displays will be judged on content, organization, originality, and neatness.

8.) Grange member will be responsible for shipping arrangements of display to and from National Grange meeting.

FOLDING DISPLAY CONTEST ENTRY FORM

If submitting a digital display all information should play at the beginning.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Birth Date _____ Age _____

Division (circle) Youth Young Adult

Display Topic _____

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 (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.

Boulder County
Boulder County

Left Hand

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

Business Meetings at 5:30 p.m. — May 10, June 10, and Aug. 9 (no meeting in July).

Website: lefthandgrange.org.

Left Hand Grange Building — The Grange is excited about the new luxury vinyl flooring installed on the 1st floor of our building. (See photo courtesy of Grange member Vicky Dorvee.) Thank you to the Niwot Local Improvement District Advisory Committee for helping fund this project, and to the team of Grange members who spearheaded the effort to secure funding. We are hoping this improvement will make the space more attractive for rentals, and be a source of pride for the Niwot community overall. An Open House is currently planned for May 20.

Open Stage — Music at the Grange — This event is co-hosted by Bruce and Marcia Johnson. We concluded our 11th season at Left Hand Grange #9 on April 16, and will resume again in October. The show was attended by a total 37 people, including 13 performers, and included a wide variety of music genres, including folk, country, light rock, classical guitar, piano, and cowboy/western music. (See the photo by



Left Hand Grange has new luxury vinyl flooring on the first floor.



Left Hand Grange has new luxury vinyl flooring on the first floor.

Bruce Johnson, Grange Secretary, and photo collage courtesy of Grange member Kathy Koehler.) For more information, please contact Bruce Johnson at 720-301-6367, or at the email address above. For more information, please contact Bruce Johnson at 720-301-6367, or at the email address above. Bruce Johnson

Pikes Peak
El Paso and Teller Counties

Florissant

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

Upcoming Events:

May 13 — Craft Classes: Baskets 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.; Needle Felting 10 a.m. to 12p.m.; Gourd Art 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; Paint with me 1-3 p.m.

May 20 — Learn to sew Class 1 to 3 p.m.

May 27 — Craft Show and Flea Market 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

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.

Spring has sprung. We have robins and blue birds and the ducks and geese are looking for water, but it hasn't completely thawed yet. It's been a cold winter.

Fire season started early here in Florissant. We had a 1500 acre fire just miles from us at the Teller County/Park County line. All the local Fire Departments were out fighting the fire and two subdivisions were evacuated in our community. Our Grange became not only a place for evacuees but the news media and the Sheriff's office once again made the Grange the place to go for our community to get the latest information and updates on the fire. We had four days of activity from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. It was quite an exciting four days. Thankfully, after four days the evacuation notice was lifted and the fire was completely under control within 8 days.

During the fire and all the "to do" at the Grange we had our Annual Easter Party for the local kiddos. We revised it a bit since inside the Grange was crowded with news reporters, officers, and evacuees. The Easter Bunny was waiting outside and Easter baskets were handed out to all the kiddos. We handed out 60 Easter Baskets in the midst of all the other excitement.

The end of April brought us to the beginning of our Craft Show and Flea Market season. We held the first of four. The inside of the Grange was full of crafters and the outside full of Flea Market. We had the gift shop open and the day was successful and fun.

April was also the beginning of our Harvest Host Camping Season. We had five campers in April and May is filling up fast with eight on the calendar already and June has six. It is so much fun to meet people from all over the States and some from other countries touring the U.S.

The "learn to sew class" is going strong. We learned to make an apron and a tote bag in April. The students are all ages from 5- 65.

As soon as we finished the update in our kitchen, with Grangers Mark, Doug, and Alan working hard to get it all accomplished (especially Mark), our hot water heater in the bathrooms sprung a leak and filled up our crawl space like a swimming pool. Once again our Granger, Mark, came to the rescue and installed a new Hot Water Heater for the bathroom. A huge Thank You goes out to Mark Taylor.

The Florissant Grange Quilt of Valor Guild also awarded three more quilts to Teller County Veterans this month. We hope to do the same each month since we have grown to 10 members.

Renee Caldwell



Fire Chief and the Easter Bunny at Florissant Grange.

MUSIC AT THE GRANGE

16 April ~ Next Performance Is In October 2023



<https://www.LeftHandGrange.org>

Left Hand Grange No.9 - Niwot, Colorado

Redlands Mesa

Contact: Andy Pilkington, Grange Master: redlandsmesagrang487@gmail.com, for further information.

May 10 — Game Night.

May 12 — Music Circle, featuring bake sale.

May 20 — Manicotti Dinner.

May 25 — History Talk, featuring bake sale.

The Redlands Grange started off the new year with a day-long work session and potluck lunch. This was a successful day of planning where we were able to include the community

and membership in planning activities for the year. We put all planned activities on the calendar, and it is great to have a plan for the year to come. We also were able to establish volunteers who will take responsibilities for the events. It was wonderful to start the new year with a day of visiting with neighbors, and planning activities that are important to the community. We started some new programs last year, and they have been a success, especially our monthly music circles and history talks, focused on the history of the mesa. We are look-

ing forward to continuing our partnership with the local Fire District this year, and adding new activities, including pot luck dinners, dances and other service activities for the community. We are looking forward to a busy year, and sharing our successes here in the Granger.

April 6, we had a Craft Night. April 14, we had a Music Circle, featuring a bake sale.

April 19 was our monthly Meeting and April 26, we hosted a History Talk at the Grange, and a bake sale.

Andy Pilkington



Florissant Grange Quilts of Valor presented to three Teller County vets.



Florissant Community gathered for an update on the fire.



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

Members of Darden Pomona helped stuff plastic Easter eggs for the Enterprise Easter egg hunt in April. There were many eggs with candy and stickers inside and the lucky winners who found the golden eggs with special treats inside.

Darden Pomona Grange met for the annual Kentucky Derby event hosted by Enterprise Grange May 6. Everyone came dressed in their finest Kentucky Derby attire. A potluck dinner was held and fake bets were placed on the horses. It was a very fun evening!

Idella Lewis

Enterprise

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May 6, Saturday — 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m., DARDEN POMONA meeting at Enterprise Grange #25. Meeting starts at 3:30 p.m., pre-race watch and games at 4 p.m., Race at 4:45 p.m., Potluck to follow.

The theme will be “Grange Day at the Kentucky Derby.” Wear your Derby Hats. A prize will be given for the best Derby Hat as voted by your peers. Bring Southern-inspired potluck to share and be prepared to pick the winner of the race! More prizes to be awarded!

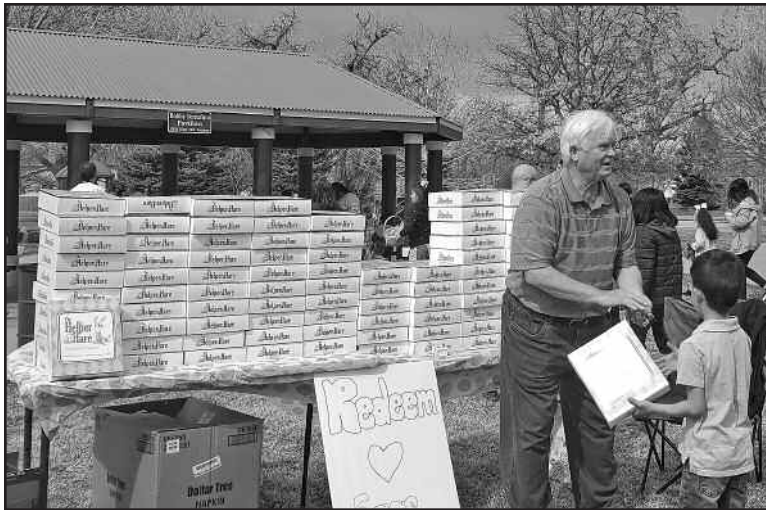
May 10, Wednesday — 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Enterprise meeting. Cinco de Mayo-themed Potluck. Who doesn't like Mexican food! Bring a Mexican dish to share, from tacos to enchiladas to rice bowls. Participants can layer on their toppings of choice and customize their spice level with a variety of toppings. Dorothy Dannels, our lecturer, will be happy to provide ideas of what to bring. During the meeting, elections for Enterprise officers will be held and delegates for the Colorado State Grange will be chosen.

May 16, Tuesday — 6 to 9 p.m., Enterprise Grange Building on the corner of 72nd Avenue and Simms in Arvada. Kathy Wardle will be teaching a mixed media Sip and Paint class. All levels of experience accepted. Tuition will be \$5 for Grange members and their families, \$10 for non-Grange members, with ALL supplies provided. RSVP is required for this event so the correct amount of supplies can be purchased. Space is limited. RSVP no later than May 12 to reserve your seat by a text or call to Carol Lackey at 303-521-4477. No reservations can be taken after this date. Kathy is a phenomenal teacher so this will be so much fun! Here is a little background on Kathy that shows how lucky we are to have her do this class for us.

Kathy earned a Bachelor of Arts in mass media from Colorado State University in 1973 before beginning her career as an art teacher. The schools she taught at included Jefferson County R-I School District, Arvada Middle School, Adams Twelve Five-Star School District, and Northglenn High School. In 2005, Kathy achieved a Master of Fine Arts from the University of Northern Colorado. She has studied with internationally acclaimed artists and was presented with an art scholarship to study painting in Prov-



The search begins at the Enterprise Grange Easter Egg Hunt.



State Grange Master Gary Wardle handing out bunnies and books.

ence, France. Two years after obtaining her Masters, she retired from art education and continued her professional efforts as a full-time artist. During that time, she became an adjunct professor at the University of Northern Colorado, where she taught digital and three-dimensional design. She has excelled as an artist for galleries for 30 years and a large bronze artist for over 10 years. She creates large bronze statues and public art pieces, often commissioned by communities, corporations, and individuals alike.

Kathy has been presented with the People's Choice Award, the Master of Arts Award of Excellence, and the Founders Choice Award at the Women Artists of the West National Exhibit. She was also selected to receive funding from the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District Grant to create public sculptures. Presently, Ms. Wardle maintains affiliation with the National Sculpture Society, Women Artists of the West, Marine Artists of America, American Society of Marine Artists, and Plein Air Artists of Colorado.

June and July — No Enterprise Grange meeting will be held.

July 8 — Darden Pomona Picnic. Discussions will be held at the May Pomona meeting. Time and location will follow.

August 16, 3rd Wednesday, (this is a change from the usual 2nd Wednesday) — 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Enterprise meeting. During this meeting, we will be planning our 2023/2024 Grange Year. Potluck will be a TAILGATE Party. The Grange will provide hot dogs and hamburgers. Participants can bring nachos, veggies, and dip, bar cookies, or anything that you love to eat at a tailgate party. This is one tailgate where you skip the crowded parking, mobs of people, and even the game!?

August 19 — Darden Pomona at Maple Grove. Save the date. Details will follow. This will be a big community event so save the date!

During our March meeting, we had a Saint Patrick's Day celebration with an Irish-themed potluck. During the meeting, we decided to continue again this year with our community garden at Common Earth Community Garden. Ashley Lackey will spearhead this effort and keep us up to date on any help she may need. The widening of 72nd in front of our Grange is continuing. The city requested an easement extension of another six months. We will be compensated for the extension. The city has been very cooperative with the ability for us and our renters to get in and out when we need to so the extra money will go to the painting of the building once the city has completed our parking lot and the rest of the work around the Grange building.

In April, we planned a 102nd birthday celebration for Muriel Frink during our meeting. Unfortunately, Muriel was unable to attend at the last minute, so we sang to her anyway and enjoyed the birthday cake. Of course, Dorothy Dannels took over the balloons and cake to her the following day.

The last two Saturdays in March, we all got together to fill 10,000 eggs with toys and candy for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt. The first Saturday only five were able to make it but the next Saturday we ended up with plenty of help. Some of the 4H Club members, the Red Hat group, members of Maple Grove Grange and Enterprise Grange. We were able to finish 10,000 eggs by the time everyone left. It definitely ended up being a fun time and was a true labor of love for most of us! SO much help and very thankful Enterprise Grange members. It couldn't have been done without the help!

On April 8, we had our Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt. It was estimated that there were close to 1,000 participants. We held it at Robby Ferrufino Park in Arvada. We provided bagels, cookies, juice, coffee, bubbles, chalk. 100 of the eggs had a

heart drawn on them. Each heart egg received a special prize, a bunny with a book. We also had a professional photographer taking children's pictures with the Easter Bunny. This couldn't have happened without our sponsors: House2Home Real Estate and Brian Walsh of World Class Lending Group. And without the help and support of the friends, families, and members of the Enterprise and Maple Grove Granges, the 4H Club of Jefferson County, and the Scarlet O'Hatters! Thank you all for the hugely successful Easter Egg Hunt.

Carol Lackey

Maple Grove

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May 3 — Maple Grove meeting 1 p.m.

Maple Grove Grange met in March with Marlys Halbeisen presiding.

Discussion was held about refinishing the main floor in the hall. Several potential places will be contacted about possibilities of having it done, since it hasn't been done for several years.

A presentation was made by Idella Lewis about The Foundation Of Agriculture program, Ag In The Classroom Literacy Project. This is a program to promote literacy for students in pre-kindergarten-5th grade students. The book is read by volunteers throughout Colorado. The book this year, “The Woolly Way,” trails the Theos Family's sheep through generations as they move the sheep from winter grazing to desert to shearing shed and on to the forest, grazing in the White River National Forest. Educational resources, vocabulary, instructional guides, and activities are included in the program. More than 500 classrooms have been recipients of this program throughout Colorado. Teachers may request to receive the book and materials at MAPLEGROVE GRANGE.rtfhttp://GrowingYourFuture.com.

Foundation Of Agriculture also provides *The Colorado Reader*, featuring a variety of Ag-related topics for classrooms every month. Copies of *The Colorado Reader* were shown featuring Colorado potatoes. The Colorado Potato Board has a cookbook featuring many potato recipes which was passed around to look at the many ways potatoes can be prepared.

Many Granges have contributed funds to The Foundation Of Agriculture to provide these valuable programs for Colorado students and it is very much appreciated.

The April meeting was held with Marlys Halbeisen presiding. Nominations for the Community

Service Award are needed and it will be presented in August. Thank you to Bill and Marily Lane for taking down the winter décor of snowflakes and Idella Lewis for doing yard cleanup of cutting down shrubs, weeds, and putting down mulch in front of the building.

Idella Lewis

Pleasant Park

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

June 10 — Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed with potluck.

July 8 — Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed with Pomona Picnic.

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

- The annual Chili Dinner/Taco Bar was held on April 8. Two new members joined the Grange that day.

- The Pomona Picnic will be held on July 8 at noon. We look forward to hosting all the Jefferson County Granges and hope for a large attendance. There will be fun, food, fellowship, and entertainment! Beverages and table service will be provided. We will be celebrating Bob Kuehster's birthday that day.

- Long time member Larry Bonomo passed away in February after a long illness. His smile and sense of humor will be missed. A memorial will be held in California where his children reside in June.

- The local book club we are hosting the last Monday of every month is a huge success.

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

- Terra Stern, our Lecturer has several interesting speakers coming to upcoming meetings.

- The Grange building glistens thanks to the cleanup crew. There is lots of yard work to do as soon as Mother Nature allows. Thank you to Donna Beck for making new kitchen curtains.

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

Yvonne Ludwig

Golden Gate

Contact President Terri Costeldia, 303-277-0351, terricosteldi@hotmail.com, Rental Manager Dee-Dee Ramstetter, DKMHH1@gmail.com, for further information.

May 12 and 26 from 7 to 9 p.m., Line Dancing Class.

May 14 from 8 to 10:30 a.m., (Mom's Eat Free) Pancake Breakfast.

May 19 from 7 to 9 p.m., Couples Dancing Class.

May 21 at 7 a.m., GGC Road Clean-Up.

May 25 at 7 p.m., Mountain Lion Program.

May 31 at 4:30 p.m., Centennial House Dedication.

June 1 at 3:30 p.m., Grange Meeting.

June 2 to June 11, GGFDP Hydration Event.

June 2 and 16 from 7 to 9 p.m., Couples Dancing Class.

June 9 and 23 from 7 to 9 p.m., Line Dancing.

June 10, Privately Sponsored Dance.

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

July 7 and 21 from 7 to 9 p.m.,



The Enterprise Grange Easter Bunny.



Pam, Marlys, Idella, and Mike stuffing Easter eggs.



4-H members stuffing Easter eggs for the Enterprise hunt.



Dyeing Easter eggs at Golden Gate Grange during Eggmania.



Egg hunt participants and the Easter Bunny at Golden Gate Grange.

Couples Dancing Class.

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

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

July 7 and 21 from 7 to 9 p.m.,
Couples Dancing Class.

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

July 30 morning, at Buffalo Bill
Days Mutton Bustin'.

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

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

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

August 18 from 7 to 9 p.m.
Couples Dancing Class.

Eggmania was a great success again this year! After youngsters and adults participated in decorating Easter Eggs, the children enjoyed an Easter Egg Hunt hosted by the Easter Bunny.

Join us for Pancakes on Sunday May 14 from 8 to 10 a.m. Pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee, juice for only \$5 and \$2 for kids 10 and under. On May 14, Mother's Day, moms eat for free.

A wonderful way to participate in a community project is to join us on May 21 for the Golden Gate Canyon Road Clean-Up. We meet at the Grange and each pair of volunteers cleans debris from a portion of the road from just below Galbraith Open Space to Crawford Gulch. We will provide you with more information closer to the date. Call Terri Costeldia 303 277-0351 to sign up to help.

On May 25 at 7 p.m. we will have a presentation about the 10-year CSU Study on Lions in the Front Range. Mat Alldredge will provide basic information about mountain lion biology and ecology. Then he will discuss some of our research that was conducted in the area. This will include information about how mountain lions are using nearby areas and interacting with human populations. Other infor-

mation that will be presented includes mountain lion diets, and population estimates for the area. The Golden Gate area was a significant part of the study. This should be a very interesting and informative program.

On Wednesday, May 31, Open Space will celebrate the listing of the Centennial House in the State Register of Historic Properties with a ceremony at the Golden Gate Grange Hall where the state could "officially" present the bronze plaque that will go on the house. Open Space wishes to thank the Golden Gate community for all its help with the nomination. In addition, Open Space plans to provide a tour of the house with shuttle service from the Grange at a date to be decided upon.

Couples Dancing (1st and 3rd Fridays of the month) and Line Dancing (2nd and 4th Fridays) continue to be popular privately sponsored events at the Grange. All are welcome to attend. Randy Patrick leads the Couples Dancing Class and Grange Member, Lori Niquette, teaches the Line Dancing. So put on your dancing shoes and join in on the fun! Cost is \$5 or Grange members and \$7 for non-Grangers. The Line Dancing Group will hold a Western Themed Dance on June 10. All are invited to attend.

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 on 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!

Website: www.GoldenGateGrange.com/Facebook: Golden Gate Canyon Community/Grange phone: 303-273-9516.

Jayne Ruesch
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Progressive
Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas & Elbert Counties

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

Progressive Pomona (Jean Davies, Judy Harrison, Suzanne Niemi, Sandi Hier, Dick and Cherry Ellis) met March 4 with Sunflower Grange in Sedalia for BMan's BBQ lunch with potluck desserts, followed by a tour of Sedalia's Museum and Gardens led by Mary O'Pry. The next Pomona meeting will be June 3 at 11:30 a.m. for potluck lunch with Cherry Creek Grange at Judy Harrison's home at 6511 Addison Way, Aurora. Please RSVP 303-598-4330 so Judy knows how many are coming.

Judy Harrison

Sunflower Grange

Contact Cherry Ellis, sunflowergrange162@yahoo.com, or 303-688-1997 for further information.

Sunflower Grange 162, Sedalia CO 80135. Contact: Cherry Ellis, P.O. Box 221, Sedalia CO 80135. 303-688-1997.

May 1 and 8 — Line dancing lessons with Sandi Hier.

May 6 at 11:30 a.m. — Progressive Pomona meeting and potluck at Judy Harrison's. RSVP, 303-598-4330.

May 27 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at BMan's BBQ in Sedalia — 11th Annual Sunflower Grange Heirloom Tomato and Plant Sale. Plants grown by the community. Contacts: Lindsey and John Rominsky.

June 10 starting at 6 p.m. — Vintage People Band at BMan's BBQ, sponsored by Sunflower Grange.

March weather was kind to O'Brien's Café's St. Patrick's Parade this year. Bagpipers were in short supply, but the Classic Cars were there to remind us of our youth, and a train rumbled through during the parade to provide sound. Several Sunflower members were mixed in: Fred LaPerriere in his Army jeep and Billy Moore on his shiny John Deere tractor were in



Sunflower Grangers and Sedalia community members came together for a great Easter celebration.

good form this year, Fran Anderson with Sedalia's Artistic Community dressed for the occasion. Kids were on the lookout for candy thrown by paraders and got a surprise when Patty McDonough of Indian Park Schoolhouse yelled, "Get your potatoes!" as she pitched little Russets into the crowd, an Irish history lesson. As the parade ended, the crowd moved in the direction of O'Brien's Café for their traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner.

April 8's Easter Egg Hunt at BMan's BBQ was a success by any measure. Dennis Ellis' generous employer, U.S. Foods, donated 30 dozen eggs that Dennis distributed for dyeing by Margaret and Dolly (Dennis' mom and sister) who used Cool Whip and food dye for some suede-looking eggs; Lois McLauchlan used oil with colors to create swirly designs; Sandi Hier's and Dick Ellis's eggs were "old school" pastels. Beautiful!

Dennis' grandchildren, Lynzie, Dezyre, and Hannah, with Augustus Ellis and his friend all tried to hide eggs as savvy two/three-year-olds followed right along behind them gathering every one. One little girl exclaimed, "These are REAL eggs!" Even the small children collected a basketful, often needing some helpers to carry their finds.

Games included an Egg Toss (plastic this time), Egg-in-Spoon Carry, and Guess the Number of Jellybeans, with prizes donated by Dennis and Lois. One little egg hunter had to pause mid-hunt to read his book prize. The stuffed bunny was much sought after, though second prize jelly beans pleased the winner.

Lois estimated 25-30 children and parents came. With all the helpers and Grange members and friends attending, total attendance was about 50 people — which is a very successful event for Sedalia. Continuing the Easter spirit, Margaret Ellis made bunny bags for the students and teachers at Shiloh, Augustus' school.

Cherry Ellis



Billy Moore on the John Deere in the 2023 St. Patrick's Parade.



Kay and Fred LaPerriere driving in the 2023 St. Patrick's Parade.



Participants in the Golden Gate Seed Exchange.



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

Animas Valley

Contact Bonnie Nicholl, dbnicholl3@gmail.com, 949-233-2329, for further information.

The Animas Valley Grange held the first annual "Meet your local Animas Valley farmers" event which met with amazing success. 42 farmers and residents from the Animas Valley gathered to discuss their farms and what they grow. It was held on February 13 and people in the audience enjoyed the talks and had many questions and points of discussion at the end of the presentations.

On March 4 the Animas Valley Grange hosted their annual seed exchange. In addition to the seed exchange there was a local florist demonstrating how to make live and dry flower arrangements. This event drew about 30 visitors.

The Animas Valley Grange had beekeeper Erik Ryba speak to an audience of about 25 people about native bees on March 20.

On April 1 the Animas Valley Grange hosted the first seminar on pruning old fruit trees. Jude and Addie Schuene-meyer of the Montezuma Orchard Restoration Project demonstrated how to prune old fruit trees which are prolific in the Animas Valley.

The Animas Valley Grange continues to work closely with our local food assistance organizations to provide locally grown food to families, seniors and others in need in our valley. Food is distributed once a month



Animas Valley held a Meet Your Local Farmers Event in February.

to 25 households, beginning in January and extending through October.

Bonnie Nicholl

Mt. Allison

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

Upcoming Events:

May 16 — Pine River Shares (8:30 a.m. – noon) open to public from 11 am. until noon.

June 3 — Community Hamburger Fry (4:30 until 6:30 p.m.).

June 19 — Business Meeting @ 4:30 p.m.

June 20 — Pine River Shares (8:30 a.m. – noon) open to public from 11 until noon.

August 8-13 — La Pomona Fair.

August 20 — La Plata Pomona Picnic @ 1 p.m. (Ignacio town park

next to ELHI.)

Spring has sprung finally in south-west Colorado. I never take our days of 70s for granted because I'm well aware of the finicky Colorado weather.

We had our visitation day on April (part of our Grange month activities) with good attendance from the local Pomona Granges. It was potluck snacks, plus our lecturer, Yvonne Chapman, led us in Grange Bingo plus a slide show from some of our history. Kind of scary looking at pictures of our younger selves.

By the time this article goes to press we will have wrapped up another 365 Health Fair. I've mentioned this in previous years but a Health Fair would be wonderful addition to your community service activities. You can reach out to me or to 365Health.org to get more information on how to bring a fair to your community.

The Grange has been kept busy with Pine River Shares (3rd Tuesday of every month). We're still averaging about 80 boxes each month.

Larry Corman

Marvel

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

Upcoming Events:

May 19 — Potluck supper and program (TBD) 6:30 p.m.

June 2 — Business Meeting — 7:30 p.m. June Spriggs program.

June 16 — Potluck supper and program on Dementia/Alzheimer's 6:30 p.m.

July 7 — Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

July 9 — Ice cream social, 3 p.m.

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

March 17 — there were approximately 80 people in attendance at the Baked Potato Bar and 4-H dessert Auction. We had a potato Bingo game and the auction and donations for the 4-H totaled \$2,900 for their community service projects.

April 1, we had 23 women at the Ladies lunch. Kathy Hogan presented an excellent program on Australia. Several people brought salads, veggies, and desserts. We had iced tea, lemonade, and coffee available for beverages. Several would like to see



Mt. Allison Visitation was well attended with bingo and a slide show.



Marvel and Pioneer 4-H event at the Grange.



Program at the Marvel Grange Ladies Lunch in April.



Marvel Jr. Grangers filling Easter eggs for the hunt.

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Seed exchange and floral arrangement demonstration at Animas Valley.

this happen again.

April 10, we provided refreshments and door prizes for the La Plata Pomona Grange meeting. Six of our members attended the meeting.

April 21, we held a potluck supper, honored some community citizens, enjoyed some community talent and jokes, and shared old scrapbooks with the community.

April 29 was a Community Breakfast.

May 9 we catered the Basin CO-OP Banquet.

Cindy Greer

Marvel JG

Contact Cindy Greer, 970-588-3386, for further information.

Marvel Junior Grange met in March and worked on the Ag project and made seed pictures. We discussed several community service projects and decided to fill plastic eggs for the Easter egg hunt at Marvel Methodist Church. We will make flowers for Mother's Day and assume that we gave them out at the Mother's Day lunch at the Grange hosted by community members.

Cindy Greer

Ute Mountain

Dolores and Montezuma Counties

Mount Lookout

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

May 14 — Annual Mancos Bloom fundraiser.

May 23 — Officers meeting.

June 11 — Grange dinner.

June 28 — Officers meeting.

Spring finally arrived very abruptly Easter weekend. We are all very grateful for all the beautiful snow we received this winter and very much looking forward to a spectacular spring and fruitful growing season!

Our annual fundraiser (one of two put on every year to keep our lights on) will be held on Mother's Day this year, Sunday, May 14, 2 to 6 p.m. We are hoping for a good turnout, as in past years. We will have food and beverages all locally sourced, music

by lavalanch, a band that hails from Telluride, a lively may pole dance, fun for the kids, and a silent auction. Our events are always a wonderful opportunity for our community to get together and have some fun. After all, most of us have been in a prolonged hibernation over this past winter.

The Grange hosted a summit for local non-profit groups in our area that was attended by representatives from 30 organizations whose mission it was to collaborate and exchange ideas. This summit was extraordinarily successful, productive, and well organized. Plans are already in the works for follow up get-togethers.

Our community suppers, held the second Sundays of each month, continue to serve as a meeting place for locals to enjoy a pot luck meal, good company, and even music at times. We are looking forward to hosting these throughout the year, rain or shine!

Carol van der Harten



Locals enjoying potluck community dinner at Mount Lookout Grange.



Mount Lookout Grange events often feature live music.