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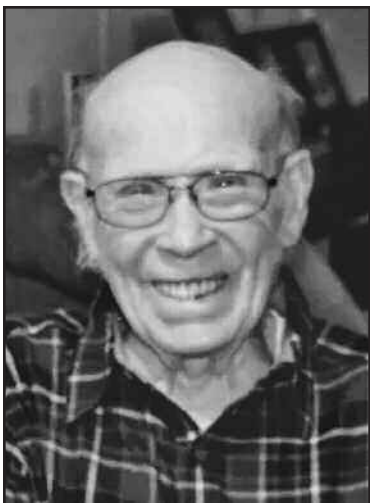
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156th Annual National Grange Convention - Sparks, Nevada

## — In Memoriam —



### Clarence Hunter

February 28, 1930-June 17, 2022

Mr. Clarence C. Hunter, 92, of Aztec, went home to be with the Lord on Friday, June 17, 2022. Clarence was born February 28, 1930, in Honesdale, PA, to George and Mabel Horst. Clarence spent five years in the Air Force and earned the rank of Staff Sergeant. While stationed at Kirtland Air Force Base he met the Jiles Family. Soon became a regular visitor and family friend.

He soon was deployed to Greenland for 18 months. While there through many letters he fell in love with Frances Laura Jiles. They were

married September 10, 1953, in Las Vegas, Nevada. Together they built a loving home for 55 years.

Clarence was a charter member Woodmen of the World Camp 971, a charter member of Cedar Hill Grange No. 1, a member of the LaPlata Pomona, the Colorado State Grange, and National Grange. Clarence served as a state Grange executive committee member. He was a charter member of Cedar Hill Grange #1 and served as Master/President as well as other offices and committee chairs.

He was with the Cedar Hill Volunteer Fire Department for 25 years. Clarence retired from San Juan County as a Motor grader Operator. He loved to cook and share his amazing peanut butter cookies with neighbors and friends. His real passion was farming, raising cattle, gardening, and cutting and baling hay. He was always ready to help where needed. The world has lost a good man and friend.

Clarence was preceded in death by his wife Frances Hunter, Son Larry Hunter, sisters Charlotte Horst and Emma Rinkle; brothers Joseph Shields, Herman Hunter, and Adrian Hunter. Clarence is survived by wife Mary Hunter, sister Liddie Kacer, Waymart, PA; and sister-in-law Joann Prochaska, Lake Havasu City, AZ; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Services were held at Methodist Church in Aztec on Saturday, June 25, 2022 at 10:30 with Pastor Mike Stahl officiating. Interment was at the Cedar Hill Cemetery. "We Love and Miss You."

### Gil Bliss

May 8, 1933-June 19, 2022

Long-time Victory member Gil Bliss departed us, born May 8, 1933, and passed June 19, 2022. He and his wonderful wife Rusty came to us from the Swing Thru's Square Dancers who used the Grange Hall for years for square dances. Their two children and family members were regulars too. He and Rusty were married for 67 years.

Gil was a Colorado native having grown up in Denver's Park Hill neighborhood. He was a Navy man and signed on to the Naval Air Reserve just after high school where he also was in ROTC. He did active duty at the then Buckley Naval Air Station and earned his pilot's license at Sky Ranch Airport. He flew crop dusters then earned his Airframe and Powerplant license and worked for Continental Airlines for years and for a short time for Frontier Airlines.

Gil and Rusty were skiers, 4-wheelers, and motorcycle enthusiasts, and played soft ball with their church, St. Mark's Lutheran, where he also ushered. They traveled in their RV.

He, and a crew of helpers, maintained Victory's dance floor through the years.

He was diagnosed with Muscular Dystrophy in September 1994. Although it was a very slow progressing kind of dystrophy, it finally started affecting his activity. Cancer is what finally took him this year. He fought a brave fight and didn't complain. He was always a very cheerful person. Fortunately, the MD wasn't painful.

## Grange Revival

Save the dates for fun and fellowship! Grange Revival 2023  
Log Cabin Resort & Campground, Curtis, Michigan.  
July 18-23, 2023 — Start planning today!

The third National Grange Revival will be held in Curtis, Michigan, July 18-23, 2023. You can bring a tent, a camper, or rent a cabin, or a nearby hotel.



Past revivals have featured various workshops, dutch oven cooking, homemade ice cream, lots of time to explore the area, and relax. It's a wonderful way to connect with Grangers from across the nation in a non-formal setting.

## Register For The 156th Annual National Grange Convention

by Samantha Wilkins,  
National Grange  
Operations Coordinator

The Western Host region is excited to invite Grangers and friends from across the country to the Silver State! We are just over five months away from the opening of the 156th National Grange Convention, set to be held in Reno-Sparks, Nevada, from November 15 through 19, 2022.

Many new and exciting things are being planned by the Host region and you are sure to have a memorable experience in Reno! Visit the National Grange website to learn more about what's coming up at this year's convention.

Don't take too long to decide; catch the early bird registration and make plans to attend today by registering for the National Grange Convention at this link: **156th Annual National Grange Convention — The National Grange.** (nationalgrange.org)

**Early Bird Registration** — \$32 is open until 9/9/2022.

**General Registration** — \$37 is open until 10/19/22.

**Late Registration** — \$42 closes for meal options on 11/1/22.

**Registration on Site** — will be available at the late registration cost, however, you will not be able to obtain tickets to any meals.

Colorado State Grange Raffle funds are available to assist Colorado Grangers with expenses for the convention. Contact the State Office.

**SEE YOU THERE!**

**Colorado State Grange  
Annual Convention**

**September 22-24, 2022**

**Good Shepherd  
Methodist Church**

**1201 Leta Drive, Security, CO**

## Upcoming Events

Call individual Granges for more information.

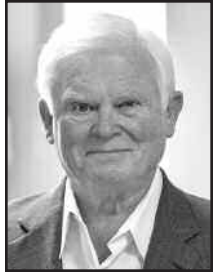
- Sept. 1 Golden Gate Grange Meeting, 3:30 p.m.
- Oct. 6 Golden Gate Grange Meeting, 3:30 p.m.
- Oct. 7 Marvel Grange Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 8 Pleasant Park Regular Meeting, 10 a.m. followed with Potluck
- Oct. 8 Sunflower Grange Big Foot Night at B Man's
- Oct. 9 Golden Gate Grange Autumn Community Brunch 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Oct. 9 Left Hand Grange "Music at the Grange" 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
- October First Friday after the Frost, Sunflower Pumpkin Weigh-in at Bud's Bar-Billy Moore
- Oct. 12 Enterprise Grange Potluck and Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 12 Left Hand Grange Business Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- Oct. 16 Enterprise Annual Chili Dinner, 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 30 Golden Gate Grange Halloween Trunk or Treat, 5-7 p.m.
- Nov. 4 Marvel Grange Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 9 Enterprise Thanksgiving Potluck, 6:30 p.m.
- Nov. 9 Left Hand Grange Business Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- Nov. 12 Pleasant Park Regular Meeting 10 a. m. followed by Thanksgiving Dinner
- Nov. 13 Golden Gate Grange Pancake Breakfast, 8-10:30 a.m.
- Nov. 15-19 National Grange Convention, Sparks, NV
- Dec. 1 Golden Gate Grange meeting, 3:30 p.m.
- Dec. 2 Marvel Grange Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 3 Golden Gate Wreath Making, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Dec. 14 Left Hand Grange Business Meeting, 5:30- p.m.

# Master's Message

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I hope many of you attended the State Grange convention in Fountain Colorado. It was a good to see all that attended.

Many of you may have received a phishing Email requesting gift cards for veterans. Please know that I nor any Grange president will not solicit funds in this way. Please disregard any future requests.

As we approach the end of the year it is time to renew the bonding insurance for your Grange. The National Grange digest requires all Granges to have bonding insurance for your officers. The National Grange offers a reasonable cost policy. To participate each Grange needs to send their payment to the State office by December 1, 2022. We need to have the money to National by the end of December. If you do not sign up by December your Grange will not be able to sign up until 2025. This is the requirement of the insurance company. The rates are the same as last year. If you want the higher rates we can provide the questionnaire.

Limit	Base Premium
\$5,000	\$50
Excess Coverage Limit	Premium
\$10,000	\$58
\$25,000	\$72

For the higher limits below, a simple questionnaire is required to be completed.

\$50,000	\$88
\$100,000	\$112

For limits \$250,000 or above, additional underwriting is required (including Questionnaire, your Independent audited financial statement, and a copy of your written internal control procedures).

\$250,000	\$138
\$500,000	\$179

These are the only coverages available—choose from these set amounts. IN ESSENTIALS UNITY, IN NON-ESSENTIALS LIBERTY, IN ALL THINGS CHARITY

# Chaplain's Corner

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During the annual State Convention, we will pause during the Memorial Service to honor those who are no longer with us. In reverence and dignity, the charter will be draped for all of the members who have gone before. Our fraternal circle is broken every year when Grange members are called home.

If you have a past State Officer, or past delegate you would like to memorialize at the service, please send me information about the member as soon as possible. All others will be remembered when a donation to the Leadership Scholarship Foundation is given and recorded in the Book of Memories. If you have not completed that, please do so before convention time.

We will consider the Grange legacy they have left us and also family and community legacies. We probably do not think very much about our individual legacy until we are older. As we take inventory of our lives, we might ask ourselves what impact on the world am I leaving. We all have a story to tell of our childhood, adult

days of occupations, family life, and other factors that influenced our days.

Think about a legacy letter to tell your loved ones of your love for them and the special calling of your life. Share with them the joy they gave you and the enjoyment of having you in their life. Share with them the legacy of life.

### 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.

Since the last Grange paper contributions have been made to the Memorial Fund of the Leadership/Scholarship Fund in memory of the Grange members or friends listed below:

**Claire Hunter, LaPlata Pomona and Florida Grange**  
**Rex Barnes, La Plata Pomona**

# Notes From The Secretary

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**September 30 — End of 3rd Quarter.**

**October 15 — Target date for 3rd quarter reports due.**

**October 15 — Articles for November/December Granger due.**

**November 15-19 — National Session, Sparks, NV.**

National Grange has increased the price of Golden Sheaf and 75 Year-Diamond certificates to \$12. Also the 80-year letter and 85-year letter in a folder with letter from National President is \$12. There is also a \$5 shipping fee when you order these certificates, which have to have the State Grange Seal on the request. For special letters of membership recognition, there is no charge. Checks for

these awards should be made out to the National Grange.

Membership seals 30, 35, 40, 45, 55, 60, 65 years can be ordered from the National Grange office. Each seal costs \$3, plus postage. I did order some to have on hand at the State Grange Office so you can also order them from the office. These order forms are on the National Grange web site under the members section — you either have to have an account with the site or set up an account and in order to do that you need the current Grange password.

National also has 5, 10, 15, and 20 year membership recognition certificates to allow Granges to celebrate smaller milestones. These certificates

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Greetings from Hawaii. I returned as Lecturer Pro Tem in the wake of the resignation of Vivian Vos. I helped to get the star reports and awards ready for presentation at the State Grange Convention. I enjoyed getting all the reports, seeing what you have all been up to since I have moved: Animas Valley with their Lecture series; La Plata Pomona Grange spearheaded by Cindy and Harry Greer, working the County Fair as they have for the last three and half decades; Florida with their free breakfasts and classes in beading and crochet; Marvel's Ice

Cream social to honor veterans; Maple Grove's Honoring of a couple who work with people who have cardiac issues; Darden Pomona's Annual picnic in Pleasant Park; Enterprise's Easter Egg Hunt; Heritage Days in Florissant; and so many others.

The Colorado State Grange also had a booth at the Colorado State Fair. The theme of the booth was "Raised Right Here," the theme set by the National Grange for the next two years. Keep up the excellent work and I hope to see more as COVID lessens its grip on our daily lives.

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### FALL MAINTENANCE ON YOUR GRANGE HALL

Maintenance is key to adding longevity and value to your Grange building. Before the harsh winter hits, fall is a good time to complete an annual maintenance check of your building and property. To avoid or prevent untimely and costly damages to your Grange building, it is imperative to provide routine maintenance. We put together our top maintenance tips for you:

**Evaluate Your Landscaping**  
Fall is a good time to evaluate landscaping needs for the following spring. Things to look for are dead trees and shrubs that may need replacement or trimming, mulching, and weeding. Winterize your irrigation system to prevent the risk of winter damage.

**Inspect Your Roof**  
Clean out roof drains. Inspect skylights and areas of ponding, loose flashing, stained ceiling tiles, cracking or shifting membranes, and other penetrations/openings. Ensure that equipment is functioning properly to prolong the life of your roof.

**Check Your Downspouts And Gutters**  
Removing dirt and debris from gutters and downspouts permits the proper drainage of water away from the building and preventing damage to your building and gutters. Check all gutters and downspouts to ensure they are securely attached. This will prevent damage and assure proper function.

**Service Your HVAC System**  
Is your heating unit working prop-

erly? With cooler weather approaching, ensure your heating unit is functioning correctly. For optimal performance, replace HVAC filters at a minimum twice a year. By maintaining your HVAC unit, you increase its effectiveness — keeping you warm when you need to be, and decreasing the chances for unnecessary and costly repairs due to unchanged filters and dirty or blocked heat exchanges.

**Facade Inspection**  
Inspect building facades for leakage, stains, broken glass, precast, or brick repairs. Repair concrete, caulking, architectural elements, glass, or stone, if needed.

**Inspect Your Exterior Lighting**  
Check outdoor and indoor lights bi-annually. Replace exterior lights as reported for safety and security reasons. To reduce energy consumption keep lights clean.

**Evaluate Storm Water Facilities**  
Evaluate storm water pipes, inlets, catch basins, manholes, discharge pipes, inflow, and outflow for deterioration and blockages. Clean and complete repairs immediately to avoid damage and assure proper function. Remove or trim any vegetation affecting the system function.

**Inspect Your Pavement And Sidewalks**  
Inspect parking areas and sidewalks bi-annually for trip hazards, such as cracks and potholes. Crack sealing and seal coating of asphalt areas should be completed at least every other year. Parking lot markings and signage should also be inspected annually to plan accordingly for budgetary needs.

are available as a download on the National Grange Web Site.

Recognizing Members for their years of service is important to maintaining membership. It's great to have new members but we also need to recognize our long-time members as well.

I would like to take a moment to thank any secretary who has recently retired from the position and say "Well done good and faithful servant"! I would also like to welcome any new secretaries to their position and to offer any help I can give to you. I realize that understanding the various membership categories the Grange has is challenging. I also know that the quarterly reports can take a bit to also understand and compute. I will gladly help you with the process and answer any questions that you might have. For new secretaries, if the past secretary didn't pass along a secretary handbook I will gladly send you one; just give me a call at the office, text, or e-mail me.

Take time to enjoy the fall colors — it's one of my favorite times of the year!

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**September 23 Annual meeting following Gala at State Session.**

Thank you to everyone who brought items for the Silent auction at State session and Thank you to everyone who participated in the silent auction. Congratulations to the winning bidders.

PICK was happy to be able to help the Phrase family with Mandy project funds.

PICK is eligible to apply for a grant from the Coors family foundation again. So Granges who are not on the front range and have capital improvement needs can partner with PICK to apply. You will need to have details about the project, with the amount of money it will cost, and how much your Grange is willing to put in to the project financially and physically before you even think about starting. IT'S ALL ABOUT THE DETAILS.

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The National Grange partnered with Rural Minds, ([www.ruralminds.org](http://www.ruralminds.org)) a new non-profit whose aim is addressing mental health in rural America. Our partnership began in January 2022. The connection to Rural Minds has already been beneficial to both organizations through an increased awareness of each other and increased awareness and destigmatizing of rural mental health.

### Addressing mental illness in rural America poses a significant challenge due to the unique barriers that include:

- 20 percent fewer primary care providers than in cities, in addition to:
- A lack of psychiatrists in 65 percent of rural counties;
- A lack of psychiatric nurse practitioners in 81 percent of rural counties; and
- A lack of access to broadband internet at home (four times more likely than it is for urban residents).

### Rural Minds serves the mental health needs of rural Americans by:

- Listening to and providing forums for courageous people to share their experiences with mental illness;
- Connecting rural Americans across the country with existing mental health resources, including crisis and suicide hotlines, via [www.RuralMinds.org](http://www.RuralMinds.org);
- Identifying gaps in mental health information and services;
- Partnering with community leaders and organizations on mental health initiatives;
- Collaborating with individuals and organizations to improve rural mental health including rural residents, donors and volunteers, large and small nonprofits, and socially responsible corporations with a strong interest in the health of rural Americans; and,
- Developing new educational resources and support services to address the unmet needs for mental health in rural communities throughout the United States.

Rural Minds Founder Jeff Winton grew up on the family dairy farm in rural upstate New York. As he grew noticed that many of the families in his small, 500-person town had a relative or friend living with some form

of untreated mental illness—depression, bipolar disorder, anxiety, schizophrenia. But their struggle was met with silence. This small community had few or no resources for treating them or conversations about helping them. The stigma attached to mental illness was palpable.

Jeff's wakeup call came in 2012, with the suicide of his beloved 28-year-old nephew. In the eulogy he delivered, Jeff shared his family's continuing struggle with mental illness. After the service, many local families shared their own experiences and thanked Jeff for finally giving them permission to talk openly and freely. He realized that so much more needed to be done.

Since then, Jeff has focused most of his professional career aligning his expertise in the biopharmaceutical industry with his passion for helping rural families. That is why he founded Rural Minds, a nonprofit organization to serve as the informed voice for mental health in rural America, and to provide mental health information and resources.

### Rural Minds Webinar: Rural Suicide Awareness and Prevention September 13, 2022

6:30 p.m. PST/7:30 p.m. MST/8:30 p.m. CST/9:30 p.m. EST

To confront the higher incidence of suicide in rural communities compared to other populations across the country, Rural Minds and the National Grange are hosting a free webinar featuring:

1. People from rural America sharing their experiences of being personally impacted by suicide.
2. Information to help prevent suicide
3. Free resources for rural mental health and suicide awareness and prevention.

**Presenter:** Monica Kramer McConkey, Licensed Professional Counselor with 25 years' experience in the behavioral health field. She has a master's degree in counseling. Her focus throughout her career has been to increase awareness of access to mental health services and remove the stigma off attached to getting help in rural and underserved areas.

**REGISTER HERE:** [https://us06.web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_SVvxmJrTam\\_uLo1jyW4rA](https://us06.web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_SVvxmJrTam_uLo1jyW4rA).



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It is time to start a new Grange year which starts September 1st It is not too early to start thinking of contest entries you could start working on for next year's contest events. For each year it is important to follow the rules which were in the handbook which came out in January in the *Granger*. Be sure to label entries and enter in the correct category.

These are a few observations from last year's contest;

- In the food preservation event there is a class for juices. Last year the judge eliminated tomato juice with tomato seeds present, so strain the juices so no seeds are present.

Picky but that is how this class was judged.

- Food preservation entries should be labeled according to the rules in the handbook. These items are not opened or tasted and are not sold in the bake sale, but returned to the owner.
- If the class says seven cookies, that number should be followed. No matter how good they look or taste, the entry will be eliminated if the correct number is not entered.
- In the needlework contest some items have been entered in the Lecturer's events but would be more suitable in the Family Activities

events or vice versa; check to see where it would be most appropriate to enter your items.

- There have not been many entries in the recycled item class. Think about things you could make from a recycled item for next year's contest. There are many ways to recycle. How about an item made from those wornout jeans, or something made from old neckties that are not being worn.

Check out some ideas on the internet. It is amazing what you might find. Start now for next year's event!

Contact us if you think of a new category for next year's events!

## Mandy Project

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Haddie Phrase is 11-years-old and attends Alamosa Elementary School. Mandi Phrase is a single mom of four children. Haddie spent most of her early life in a Dominican orphanage. The genetic components of her hearing loss are completely unknown, but she did suffer from a lack of stimulation there.

She was quite developmentally behind upon joining her forever family. Haddie has worked hard to catch up and develop skills similar to her peers. In addition to hearing loss, Haddie has been diagnosed with a learning disability in math.

Haddie received further evaluation after a hearing screening at school. She suffers from bilateral sensorineural hearing loss. Her loss is moderate. As there is no treatment or surgery, she will likely need hearing aids for the rest of her life.

Haddie has overcome so much in her short life. There is no limit to what she can accomplish. Right now, she says she wants to be a teacher or a veterinarian. She wants to attend college, live independently, and have a family. I am committed to helping her pursue these goals.

In the short term, Mom wants Haddie to develop confidence around her identity: as an adopted child, as a girl with hearing loss, and as a student with a learning disability. She is currently receiving Speech Therapy and

is on an IEP at school.

Haddie's hearing aids were \$5,000 in total. This included the molds for her ears and an FM microphone. Insurance does not cover any of these materials.

She is also receiving Speech Therapy once a week. Insurance is covering a portion of these costs (currently about 50%), but will only cover

20 sessions per year. Haddie will need more than this. Even if she only attended 20 sessions, the out-of-pocket cost for the family would be \$1,500.

The Colorado State Grange and PICK have assisted this family with Mandy project funds in the amount of \$1,000 each for a total of \$2,000.

Donations for the Mandy project can be sent to the State Grange office or to PICK. Please make the checks out to either Colorado State Grange or PICK. Do Not make them out to the Mandy Project. The bank objects to that because the accounts are not in the name of the project.



The Phrase Family



## Agriculture Report

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### Update: Introduction Of Wolves

By citizen vote Proposition 114, Introduction of Wolves to Colorado, was approved. Colorado State Grange opposed introduction. Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) is tasked with the introduction and per the initiative has a deadline of the end of 2023. The CPW created two citizen working groups, the Technical Working Group (TWG) and a Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) to advise the agency and CPW Commission on the wolf plan.

The TWG provides expertise on conservation, management strategies, and damage prevention and compensation. The members are largely wildlife management professionals from state agencies (several states), federal, and local government agencies, and private interests. One member is linked to a Ted Turner sponsored pro-wolf organization who largely instigated Colorado's wolf initiative. The SAG provides viewpoints from diverse areas of our state and proposes considerations for the plans developed by the TWG. Their members are ranchers, outfitter guides, trappers, a

former CPW Commissioner, wolf sanctuary operator, a former Ag Commissioner, and others including what appear to be members from animal activist groups. Tribal representatives are included.

Part way into the wolf introduction process, a challenge to the delisting of wolves from the endangered species list was granted by the U.S. District Court of Northern California returning wolf management to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and away from the states. Wolves had been successfully hunted in Wyoming, Montana, and elsewhere while they were delisted. They remain on Colorado's endangered species list but that lethal controls need to be included remains a working group advocacy. The federal NEPA process applies to action to consider Colorado seeking to find and trap wolves for introduction here. That process is forecast to cost about \$1 million and is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2023, also the wolf introduction deadline.

North Park wolf pack updates — no new predations since earlier this

year when four head of cattle were taken plus one ranch dog. Collars deployed on the pack female and one of last year's pups failed leaving trail cameras and CPW staff to monitor. There is no evidence of denning and the pack female has not been seen.

One recommendation is to provide livestock producers with the tools, materials, and support to manage protection from wolf predation. Wolves in Colorado will have both positive and negative impacts and their presence is not essential to the continued presence of wolves in the U.S.

### Phased framework for introduction:

To start minimum count of 50 wolves anywhere in Colorado for four years (initial introduction is on the Western Slope). Ideal locations for introduction would be where there is minimum exposure to livestock and available prey species of elk and deer are strong.

**Conclude:** minimum 150 wolves anywhere in Colorado for two years.

**Final:** delist from Colorado's endangered species list (infers lethal take is allowed) but they would likely remain in a non-game status.

The work of the two advisory groups is nearing completion allowing the CPW staff and Commission to begin consideration of the wolf introduction plan.

## The Colorado Granger Guidelines

October 15, 2022, is the deadline for articles for the November-December 2022 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](mailto: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)

**The Grange is America's great family fraternity active in your community, state and nation promoting activities and legislation for the betterment and enrichment of our society and families.**

## Darden

Jefferson County

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

**Sept. 10 — Darden Pomona Grange at Maple Grove Grange with meeting at 4 p.m. Potluck to follow.**

The annual Darden Pomona Grange Picnic was held at Pleasant Park Grange in Conifer August 13. It was a gorgeous day for a picnic in the mountains where it was cool! We had plenty of good food and fellowship. After we ate, everyone gathered outside around the picnic tables. Everyone enjoyed listening to a guest who entertained us by playing some mountain music and sang some songs outside under the pines. Several rounds of cornhole were played and soft snowballs were thrown for fun. Some lucky winners won door prizes given by Pleasant Park Grange.

Thank you to Pleasant Park Grange for hosting this annual event!

Idella Lewis

### CORRECTION

Jack Baker of Maple Grove Grange presenting Outstanding Community Service Award to John and Jan Hornmuth who have volunteered at the Stroke Center for many years.



**Darden Pomona Outstanding Community Service Award presentation.**

## Enterprise

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

**Wednesday, September 7, 2022 — 6:30 p.m. Potluck with Meeting to follow.** Potluck will be a regular potluck but we will also have vegetables and some desserts from vegetables grown in our Community Garden Project. We will discuss preparations for the State Grange convention and plan our 2022-2023 Grange year. We will decide on any future outings that may interest the group. Come with your ideas.

**Wednesday, October 12, 2022 — 6:30 p.m. Potluck with Meeting to follow.** We will discuss plans for the upcoming chili dinner, our winter community service projects, the Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinners. The delegates to the State Grange Convention will update the members on the outcomes of the convention.

**Sunday, October 16 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. — Annual Chili Dinner ALL YOU CAN EAT!**

**Location:** Enterprise Grange Building, 7203 Simms Street, NW Corner of 72nd Avenue and Simms Street in Arvada.

**Serving:** Chili (Meat and bean, Green and Red, in all temperatures from mild to HOT.

**Also available:** Corn Bread, Hot Dogs, Chili Cheese Dogs, Chips, Dessert, soft drinks, and coffee with each meal.

**Cost:** Adults - \$10, Children - 5 to 12 - \$5, Children Under 5, eat free

Live music will be provided this year!

Tickets can be obtained from any member of the Enterprise Grange or by calling Dorothy Dannels at 303-425-0111 or Carol Lackey at 303-521-4477. All proceeds benefit our Holiday Senior Stocking Projects. Pre-purchased tickets are not necessary, just easier for planning purposes. Join us if you can! There's always



**Grangers enjoying the annual Darden Pomona Grange Picnic hosted by Pleasant Park Grange.**



plenty for everyone.

**Wednesday, November 9 — Thanksgiving potluck at 6:30 p.m.** Carin' Clinic and Shannon's Hope clients (if available) will join us along with any Granger, friends, and family who wish to attend. Our Thanksgiving feast is a traditional potluck with turkey and all the trimmings. Turkey, potatoes and gravy, beverages, and desserts are provided by the Grange. Attendees bring a small dish to share.

We do not have meetings in June and July.

For our meeting in August, we started with our usual potluck. We decided on our delegates for State and completed our elections for the 2022/2023 year. We are looking forward to productive and successful year.

Carol Lackey

## Maple Grove

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

Maple Grove Grange met August 10 with Marlys Halbeisen leading the meeting. It has been a busy summer for everyone so we did not meet in July since so many members were on vacation.

Insurance for the Grange has increased astronomically so a discussion was held on options. Our agent is trying to find another company for us to deal with since rates have increased so much.

Present officers will now remain

for another year of service.

Delegates to the State Grange Session are John Cruz and J Kelly.

Thirty-five pair of used eyeglasses were taken to Heritage Vision Clinic to be recycled. The eye doctor there goes to other countries to restore them for underprivileged people who need glasses. They not only collect eyeglasses but also take the used lenses and eyeglass cases.

The Words For Thirds Dictionary project will take place in September, giving third grade students in two nearby schools a dictionary to keep.

The hot weather this summer has been challenging for us to keep up with the weeds at the hall. Weeds have been mowed and seem to grow no matter how hot and dry it has been!

Greetings from Jim Day, son of Mauri and Dottie Day, (past members). Jim is a faithful member even though he lives in Hawaii.

Bear Miller is giving a half-off special to Grange members for square dance lessons coming up soon.

We sang "Happy Birthday" to J Kelly and Marlys Halbeisen, both having August birthdays.

When the flag that is flying outside on the flagpole is replaced the old flag will be taken to the American Legion to be disposed of properly. They have a collection bin for old flags outside their building.

The food collection bin inside the hall was full so the donated items were taken to the Action Center.

Members attended the Darden Pomona picnic hosted by Pleasant Park



**Grange Members attending and working at the Carnation Festival are Gary Wardle, Renee Schriener, Vivian Voss, Kathy Wardle, Chris Halbach, Junior Granger Mya Uopasarn, and Kathy Williams.**



Grange in Conifer in August and enjoyed a wonderful picnic with plenty of good food and fellowship.

Idella Lewis

## Wheat Ridge

Contact Kathy Williams, Wheat Ridge Grange secretary, for further information.

The Wheat Ridge Grange has been busy with several projects. Our summer community garden has been growing pumpkins for our fall pumpkin giving to the Kindergarteners of Stevens Elementary School.

A community BBQ was held with our Grange families and visiting Kiwanis members.

We sponsored the Wheat Ridge Garden Tour in July and raised funds for 4-H Sponsorship of the Steer Showmanship Champion. We presented the 4-H Belt Buckle.

Our Pancake Breakfast was a huge success before the Carnation Festival Parade.

As the holiday season approaches we will host monthly gatherings and plan for our annual Christmas Giving Dinner.

Kathy Williams



**Mr. & Mrs. Voss of the Wheat Ridge Grange with Grand Champion Steer Showmanship with 4-H winner Austin Bamford age 17.**



**Grange members using the Kiwanis Traveling Trailer for their annual Pancake Breakfast.**

## Pleasant Park

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

**September 10 — Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed with potluck.**

**October 8 — Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed with potluck**

**November 12 — Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed by Thanksgiving Dinner**

The Pomona Picnic was held on August 13. There were games, fun, food, fellowship, and music again! Thank you to all Grangers who came up from town to attend. Idella brought a beautiful flower bouquet to decorate the food table.

Terra Stern is our newest member and has experience in gaining membership and finding interesting speakers.

We celebrated Bob Kuehster's 96th birthday at the July meeting. He remains an important leader of our Grange and we are so blessed that he is still able to attend the meetings.

The Bicycle Rest Stop has been very busy. Thanks to all the members for their time and energy to make this fund raiser a success. A special thank you to Larry and Sharon Bonomo for



Pleasant Park Grange's newest member Terra Stern's initiation.

being in charge of the Rest Stop. Ken Spoor is replacing the front porch with lumber from his mill. He also keeps the yard mowed and looking nice. Words can't express how grateful we are for his donations and hard work. Several dead trees on the property have to be cut down and new trees are

being planted to take their place. Laura Anderson faithfully waters all the new trees weekly. The Thanksgiving Dinner will be after the meeting on November 12. All Grangers are invited to attend. Please RSVP to make sure we have enough food for everyone. Yvonne Ludwig

## Golden Gate

Contact Terri Costeldia, President, 303-277-0351, terricosteldi@hotmail.com, for further information.

October 6 — Grange Meeting at 3:30 p.m.

October 9 — Autumn Community Brunch from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. — Free!

October 30 — Halloween Trunk or Treat from 5 to 7 p.m.

November 3 — Grange Meeting at 3:30 p.m.

November 5 — Craft Fair from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

November 13 — Pancake Breakfast from 8 to 10:30 a.m.

December 1 — Grange Meeting at 3:30 p.m.

December 3 — Wreath Making from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Yoga — Wednesdays, from 3 to 4 p.m. (Live at the Grange.)

Couples Dancing Class — 1st and 3rd Friday of each month from 7 to 9 p.m.

Line Dancing Class — 2nd and 4th Friday of each month from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

AA — Every Tuesday from 7 p.m.

A wonderful group of Grange members and other volunteers cleaned four miles of Golden Gate Canyon Road, the Grange, and Golden Gate Fire Protection District Station 3 property in June. Thank you to Vicky Phil-

lips, DeeDee Ramstetter, Matt Phillips, Terri Costeldia, Rick Bonczynski, Deb Curlee, Trevor Phillips, Mit-su Binns, Rich Phillips, Elle Phillips, Cody Phillips!!! Thanks also to Tom Wingfield for weed whacking the Grange and GGFPD property.

Terri Costeldia and DeeDee Ramstetter wrangled 40 kids into their gear at the Buffalo Bill Days Mutton' Bustin' event. The Golden Firefighters handled the sheep and helped the kids get seated for their wild ride.

Our Annual Rummage Sale was a great success due to the incredible work of DeeDee Ramstetter and her crew. This is our single biggest fundraiser of the year and it surpassed all previous Rummage Sales in the number of offerings and the amount raised for the Golden Gate Grange. A huge thanks to Dee Dee and all who helped before, during, and after the event and to Gale Baughman for manning the kitchen during the event.

We will hold our Autumn Community Brunch on Sunday, October 9, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. It is FREE for all (donations always welcomed). Our last Brunch in the Spring was a great success and a wonderful chance to reconnect with friends and neighbors! If you would like to help by cooking an entrée or baking, call Terri Costeldia 303-277-1933.

Our traditional Pancake Breakfast will begin on November 13 from 8 to 10:30 a.m. They will be held on the

second Sunday of each month through the spring.

Our Craft Fair will be held on November 5 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Every year we have an incredible array of art, crafts, and jewelry from local artisans, most from the Golden Gate Canyon area. If you would like a booth, email Deb Curlee at dmcurl@bell south.net.

Wreath Making will be on December 3 from 10 a.m. to noon. We will have all the materials for you to make a beautiful wreath with native greenery. Bring your own wire wreath base or buy one at the event.

Yoga is held on Wednesdays from 3 to 4 p.m. It is now being held in person at the Grange. 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.

Jeffco will continue to have a number of sites for accepting slash around the county that will be open through November. I have sent Grangers this information by email. It is also posted on our website and Facebook pages.

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

Jayne Ruesch  
jayruesch@aol.com

## Pikes Peak

El Paso and Teller Counties

### Florissant

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

Upcoming Events:

Sept. 10 — Pine Needle Basket Class from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Sept. 20 — Gourd Art Class from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Sept. 13 & 27 — Quilt of Valor quilting time, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Sept. 17 — Craft Show and Flea Market, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Personally, I can't believe I am writing this in mid-August. That means summer is almost over and fall is on its way. Here in Florissant, we have had lots of wonderful rain this summer and everything is green, and we have had no summer fires. That is always good news.

We had our largest crowd since COVID at our weekly Potluck and Music night. We had lots of new people to Florissant and many we

hadn't seen in a long time. It was a fun evening.

Please see the photo of our beautiful reconditioned floors at our Grange. Our Granger team did an amazing job and you would think we had it professionally finished. Thanks to all who helped. You are the best!!!

Harvest Host camping at the Grange has seen a steady stream of campers and wonderful people on their way to see the USA. We sure enjoy meeting all these people and they love our gift shop.

In addition to the monthly Pine Needle Basket Classes, I taught a class in Cripple Creek in August. I had the largest class ever. It was hard to keep up with all of them, but it was sure fun. Classes are still going strong and we had a glass painting class in July and have added another Paint with me Class in August.

The Florissant Grange Quilt of Valor Guild has three more quilts ready to present to our list of Veterans. We did not get to award any at the Heritage Day Celebration because we didn't get them all finished.



Susie Knight and friends entertaining on Florissant Heritage Day.



Florissant's Stacey and Izzy sewing pillowcases.



200+ visitors visited crafters and vendors during the Heritage Day celebration.



Florissant Heritage Day was celebrated on July 30 and was a huge success here at the Florissant Grange. We had 200+ visitors to our celebration. Susie Knight and Friends entertained on the indoor stage, and we had free hotdogs and hamburgers provided by the BrightCoGroup. We had ice cream, and 15 crafters and vendors including the Red Cross volunteers.

On a side note, Heritage Day is also the first day of the Teller County Fair and Rodeo. I finally got my stuff together to enter into some of the artist categories and I took first place in everything I entered. I donated all the items to their silent auction to help with funds for the Fair. Next year, we hope to get more Grangers involved with their art, quilts, and more.

Renee Caldwell

### El Paso

Matthew Davis, grandson of Colorado State Chaplain Loeda Westphal, has won one of the Colorado State Grange scholarships. He is a 2022 graduate of Manitou Springs High School and will continue his studies at Pikes Peak State College in Colorado Springs. Matthew has been involved in many activities and received the Conductor's Award, Director's Award, and the National School Orchestra Award for his music leadership and participation during Middle School and High School.

He has volunteered at the Colorado Springs Space Foundation for over two years and participated as a volunteer at the annual Space Symposium. He has a special interest in martial arts with the rank of Green Belt. He continues his interest of the Neighborhood Watch program and environmental issues.

Loeda Westphal



It takes a village — mowing before Heritage Day.



Florissant Grange Refinished Floor.

## La Plata

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

The La Plata Pomona Grange has operated a concession at the LaPlata County Fair. We began in 1963 when the 4-H decided they could not do it anymore. We operated using volunteers from the Granges for many years until a time when that became too difficult. In 1994 we began hiring individuals who were at least 14 years of age and paying them from the receipts. Grangers have managed the Kitchen and there was one year that we stepped out. In 1985 Sheryl Ayers and Cindy Greer began managing the Kitchen. Others have also helped throughout the years. Sheryl stepped out in 1992.

Hiring 14-year-old kids has been a service to the kids as this was often a first job and led to their being able to get better jobs, which means that we have a large turnover.

In 2001 the Fair added a demolition Derby and the Grange opened the Rodeo concession for that event. Various Grangers stepped in to manage that aspect of the concession for a few years. Over the years we have had to apply for special event licenses with the State, City, and County.

The concession serves basic hamburgers, hotdogs, and Chili, as well as any combination people can think of with those basics. We do chef salads, turkey wraps, and a daily special which changes each day. We also serve breakfasts which consists of scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy, Sausage biscuit, and breakfast burritos, all with small slices of fruit.

We've tried a variety of menus and this is the Pomona Grange's only fundraiser of the year. The Pomona utilizes the funds to help the Granges in our Pomona send delegates to State convention, we help individuals participate in Great Plains Regional leadership conference, National Grange Convention.

We sponsor Ag in the classroom and the Ag institute with the Colorado Foundation for Agriculture. We offer prizes to individuals who enter things in our annual exhibit day and send memorials to the Colorado State Grange Leadership/Scholarship Foundation.

This year we operated the main concession stand (Tuesday thru Sunday) as usual and also opened the Rodeo concession for the Concert and the Demolition Derby and we opened on the Saturday and Sunday prior to the official opening dates for the Horse and Rabbit Show.

### Marvel

Contact Cindy Greer, 970-588-3386 or [hcrdgreer@frontier.net](mailto:hcrdgreer@frontier.net), for further information.

October 7 Business meeting 7:30 p.m.



Saturday Night Dance kitchen help — Emmett, Isaac and Henry Greer.

July found Marvel Grangers and the community gathered for an ice cream social on the 17th in honor of National Ice Cream Day and to honor veterans at the home of Lila Greer. We had 8-10 gallons of ice cream, mostly homemade. There were approximately 90 in attendance.

Veterans were honored and asked to get ice cream first. We presented a quilt of Valor to Odin Westgaard, son of Grange member Jane Westgaard. Odin served in the Marines for 31 years achieving the status of Master



Mike Delaney receiving Quilt of Valor.



Odin Westgaard receiving his Quilt of Valor from Cindy Greer.



Penny Piene and Jacob Greer, Marvel Junior Grangers working concessions.

Gunnery Sargent. Some of the kids in attendance enjoyed playing in the sand box (left from the family reunion), others played corn hole and a washer game and utilized the swing set. People enjoyed visiting and getting to know their

neighbors a little better.

The chairs and tables have been used by Grange members for family reunions, and line dancing and clogging have continued at the hall although somewhat sporadic because of summer schedules.

## Boulder County

Boulder County

### Left Hand

Contact Bruce Johnson, 720-301-6367 or [johnson.blj71@gmail.com](mailto:johnson.blj71@gmail.com) for further information.

Business Meetings at 5:30 p.m. — Sept. 14, Oct. 12, Nov. 9, Dec. 14. Website: [lefthandgrange.org](http://lefthandgrange.org).

Left Hand Grange Building/Rentals — PACE (Partners for Clean Environment) did an energy audit for the Grange. They are a department within the Boulder County Office of Sustainability, Climate Action & Resilience. This effort resulted in the Grange being eligible to have Xcel Energy replace all fluorescent light bulbs in the building with approximately 125 new LED bulbs. PACE also upgraded the Grange's bathroom faucet aerators from 1.5 GPM to 0.5 GPM, as well as provided the Grange a list of other ways we can be more energy efficient.

4th of July Parade — The Left Hand Grange #9 actively participated in the Town of Niwot's 4th of July Parade (see photo). Grange members are seen pulling and accompanying a wooden model of the Left Hand Grange #9 built by the late Dick



4th of July Parade 2022 — Left Hand Grangers with No. 9 with model.

Hicks, a longtime member who passed away several years ago. His legacy lives on through his skill and generosity.

Rockin' Rails — On July 21, 2022, Grange members volunteered at the weekly music concert series in Niwot

July 30 we had a Community Breakfast. There were 76 in attendance. We served pancakes, eggs, ham, sausage, orange juice, and coffee.

August 5 we had a business meeting, electing officers, making one change, selected delegates and alternates. We passed two resolutions to send to State. Saturday, August 6, we had a Harvest Host camper at the hall.

Several members volunteered at the La Plata County Fair in various capacities. Youth and Junior members exhibited projects and animals.

August 5 we presented a Quilt of Valor to Mike Delaney for his service to our country.

Cindy Greer

### Marvel JG

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

We met in July and finished our Grow project and learned a little about the Junior Degree, and Nevada. The seeds we planted in containers at the Grange Hall are growing. The Cosmos are blooming and we added some hens and chicks.

After school starts we will have to figure out when we can meet and perhaps have a membership drive as we know that three of our Juniors will be leaving us because of age. Wow, how did that happen?

Cindy Greer



Left Hand Grange volunteers — Rockin' Rails Crew.

called Rockin' Rails. Members helped with set up and break down, greeting visitors, staffing the information booth, and handling sales of bottled water. The Grange was selected as a community organization, along with the Scouts from Troop and Pack 161, to benefit from the tip jars in return for providing volunteers for the event. (see photo of Grange members greeting visitors at the welcome tent.)

Events at the Grange — Left Hand Grange continues to be more involved in local agriculture activities.

A few examples: Wildfire — On August 20 the Flatirons Farmers Coalition, in conjunction with Boulder Watershed Collective and the County Office of Emergency Management, plan to hold a wildfire preparedness event designed for farmers, ranchers, land stewards, farm workers, and others who could be on the frontlines of wildfire fire disasters. Bees — On August 27, the 2nd annual Niwot Honey Harvest Festival will be held at the Grange. Expert speakers will address topics such as: designing a Pollinator Habitat, the Evolution of the Honey Industry, and Pollinators, People, and Public Policy.

Open Stage — Music at the Grange — This event is hosted by Bruce and Marcia Johnson. We will start our 11th season at Left Hand Grange #9 on October 9 from 1:30 to 3:30 pm. Typically we have a wide variety of music, including folk, country, light rock, classical guitar, piano, and cowboy music & poetry.

For information, please call Bruce Johnson at 720-301-6367.

Bruce Johnson

**Progressive**  
Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas & Elbert Counties

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

Progressive Pomona Grange met Sept. 10 at the Castlewood Grange Hall. We featured produce from our gardens as part of the menu for our potluck lunch. Thank you to Sunflower Grange for the idea. Jeanne Davies has graciously accepted the position of Master/President again. We are so appreciative of her continued service.

Our December meeting will be at Garden Home Grange Hall December 3 at 12 p.m. We will have a potluck lunch with our meeting and program to follow.

Judy Harrison

**Sunflower Grange**

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

August 26 — The Vintage People Music and BBQ under the Stars at BMan's.

September 10 — Tomato-Tasting Garden-to-Table Potluck, poetry reading, music, and movie "The Attack of the Killer Tomatoes."

October 8 — Big Foot Night at BMan's.

October — First Friday after the first frost Pumpkin Weigh-In at Bud's Bar- Billy Moore.

"Jurassic Park" came to Sedalia June 18. Dennis Ellis came dressed as his look-alike John Hammond (actor Richard Attenborough) in the 1993 film classic, and his friend brought the jeep used in the movie for photo ops. Both helped set the mood for the movie. Dennis provided the giant movie screen and movie for about 20 movie-goers. There might have been more, but the Avalanche had semi-finals for the Stanley Cup the same night. The weather was a little too windy and threatened to take down the screen at one point, but Dennis figured out how to use weights to stabilize it. The equipment, sound and movie quality outside all added up to the best movie-viewing atmosphere ever! The B Man's gang provided popcorn, nachos, drinks, and enthusiasm after a very busy day.

For September's Tomato Tasting, Dennis will show "The Attack of the Killer Tomatoes" — the best worst movie ever! Don't miss that thriller or other movies as weather permits.

At July's Grange meeting, Sedalia Firefighter/EMS 2022 David George-Nichols was presented his award by his neighbors and friends, Betty Purkey-Huck and Marianne Edward. Betty wrote that David, also known as Nick, began volunteering as a firefighter on Cape Cod when he was 16. He spent 13 years volunteering for the Yarmouth Fire Department, five years as an emergency room volunteer at Cape Cod Hospital. In 1973 he became an EMT

Nick and his family moved to Sedalia in 1986, and he joined the West Douglas Fire-Rescue in 1991. This is his 31st year of service as a volunteer for West Douglas Fire-Rescue and his



Dennis Ellis came dressed as Jurassic Park character John Hammond, and his friend brought the jeep used in the movie for photo ops.

43rd year in the fire service. He currently holds the position of Assistant Chief and is the oldest member of the department.

Since 2006, David has raised over \$1.7 million to support the purchase of fire apparatus, ambulances, and equipment by writing grants to federal, state, and private entities. Currently a grant request in the amount of \$356,000 has been completed to support the purchase of a much needed 4x4 wildland tender (water tanker).

David is involved in training volunteer firefighters and attends WDCFD Board meetings and staff meetings. In 2020, he responded to 140 fire and rescue calls. The volunteer members of the department voted him Fire Fighter of the Year in 2007 and 2010, and Officer of the Year in 2017.

David is a well-rounded individual. He has been President of the Homeowners Association and is involved in all community activities. He always makes sure the fire trucks are available to get the kids in the community interested and involved. He has had his own business as an architect since 1978, he also has a website where he develops CAD symbols for architects and engineers. In addition, he is active with his wife, two children, and two grandchildren.

David can be heard discussing Fire in Sedalia earlier this year at <https://archives.dcl.org/digital/collection/doh/id/1061/rec/1>.

Sunflower Grange's Historian Awards recognize those who preserve and publish accounts of their community. Dick and Cherry Ellis went to Deckers in July to present the Historian Award to members of the Mountain Artisans Arts Council: Ella Oatman, Lynne Ronk, and Ann Sheeran. They assisted the late Nell Fletcher in publishing a four-volume set titled *Echoes of Forgotten Places* between 2002 and 2006. The books cover the "fascinating history of the beautiful upper South Platte and its tributaries ... the region commonly thought of as the Deckers area," specific water and fire issues, and historic photos from private collections. Their books are

dedicated to "those men and women who took that first step in settling this country which we now call home." (*The Early Years*, 2006) The three Mountain Artisans have kept the books circulating and in public view for 20 years. The Artisans join Chet Hier, the fourth Historian for 2022; his book on the history of Bud's Bar will be the Grange's book club choice for November.

July 22, BMan's BBQ, the Martinez family's restaurant, and our Grange partner for the past three years, hosted a night of music and barbecue under the stars. The Grange sponsored The Vintage People — Brook Elder, Bruce Hier, Terry Schriener, and Roger Kline, with sound by Jay Jensma — and their music provided a glimpse into the town's past. Two band members had played at Grange events when Sunflower had a hall. Terry played a fiddle his grandfather had played for Sedalia events back in the day. Twelve-year-old McKenna was a big hit when she sang a couple of selections with the band. Local



Sunflower Grange's Historian Award were presented to members of the Mountain Artisans Arts Council: Ella Oatman, Lynne Ronk, and Ann Sheeran, for their assistance with the book series by Nell Fletcher *Echoes of Forgotten Places*.

advertising drew a crowd of 200-300 all ages who knew or were related to one another and to the band. Everyone ate, danced, visited, and had a great community time. BMan's crew was still working at 9 p.m., and they'd run

out of almost everything. "When will the band play again?" everyone asked. August 26 Vintage People will be back at BMan's to create community with their music. Margaret Ellis had (Continued on Page 8)



The Vintage People — Brook Elder, Bruce Hier, Terry Schriener, and Roger Kline, with sound by Jay Jensma, performed at BMan's BBQ.



Sedalia Firefighter/EMS 2022 David George-Nichols

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# Tentative State Grange Convention Agenda

149th State Session of the  
**COLORADO STATE GRANGE**  
 Program

All State Session Meetings and Exhibits  
 will be held at the Good Shepherd United  
 Methodist Church, 1201 Leta Dr., Security, CO.

All meetings 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.

**WEDNESDAY, September 21, 2022**

- 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, September 22, 2022**

- 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.
- 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.  
Adopting Convention Agenda.  
Partial Report of Credentials Committee.  
Annual Address by State Master.  
Report of Treasurer and Secretary.  
Report of Executive Committee Chairman.  
Preliminary Report of Good of the Order.  
Report of Grange Museum.  
Report of Leadership and Scholarship Foundation.  
Committee Reports.  
Report of Lobbyist and Ag Committee.
- 3:00 P.M.**  
Guest Speaker, National Representative —  
Welina Shufeldt, National Flora.  
Family Activities Bake Sale.

- 12:00 P.M.**  
Membership Lunch — Dominic Breton Presiding.
- 1:45 P.M.**  
Reconvene Session.
- 6:30 P.M.**  
Gala
- 8:30 P.M.** (Or ASAP following Gala)  
Annual Meeting of PICK.  
*Everyone invited.*

**SATURDAY, September 24, 2022**

- 6:45 A.M.**  
Colorado State Grange  
Past Masters Breakfast  
Presiding: TBD.
- 8:45 A.M.**  
Junior and Youth Officers  
Open the Grange.  
Continuation of Committee Reports.  
Spotlight on Grange —
- 10:00 A.M.**  
Installation of Officers by National Representative.
- 12:00 P.M.**  
JG Lunch  
Presiding: TBD
- 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.  
Presentation of Outstanding Granger.  
Presentation of Quilts of Valor.  
Talent Showcase.

- 7:15 P.M.**  
Raffle Drawing
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- Fifth Degree Fee .....\$1.00  
 Sixth Degree Fee .....\$5.00  
 (Purchase tickets from State Secretary)
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- Lecturers, Family Activities, and Junior Grange  
 Exhibits will be on display throughout the Session.



• **Sunflower Grange**

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 band t-shirts made for the band and  
 BMan's. McKenna's t-shirt had her  
 picture with the band.  
 The Vintage People: Brook Elder,  
 Bruce Hier, Terry Schriener and Roger  
 Kline, with sound by Jay Jensma  
 The "Water in Sedalia" discussion/  
 oral history, inspired by the Mountain  
 Artisan book on Water and Tourism,  
 was held August 10, and was attend-  
 ed by Darrell Phippen, Bruce Hier,  
 Marianne Edward, and Cherry Ellis.  
 Douglas County Public Library's  
 Alyssa Carver and Julia Waters mod-  
 erated a discussion on water issues in  
 the larger Sedalia area. They discuss-  
 ed dams that were or were not built,  
 public sentiment about dams, rules  
 for well drilling, water witching or

dowsing, development issues around  
 water, sources of water for future de-  
 velopment, and drought. The discus-  
 sion was recorded and will be on the  
 Douglas County Public Library web-  
 site.  
 The earlier discussion on "Fire in  
 Sedalia" is available at <https://archives.dcl.org/digital/collection/doh/id/1061/rec/1>.  
 Elections were held in August.  
 Margaret Ellis continues as Chaplain,  
 Publicity Chairman, and added Lec-  
 turer to her list; Dennis Ellis is Com-  
 munity Service chair; Chet Hier is  
 the new Membership chair and Exec-  
 utive Committee member; and Dick  
 Ellis continues as an Executive  
 Committee Member. zThe search con-  
 tinues for Youth and Agriculture com-  
 mittee chairs, and for Secretary and  
 Treasurer, as well as other offices.  
 Sunflower is looking forward to more  
 music, the Tomato-Tasting in Septem-  
 ber, and Big Foot Night in October.  
 Cherry Ellis

- 7:00 P.M.**  
Memorial Service under the direction  
of State Chaplain Loeda Westphal.

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL**  
 Following Memorial Service  
 along with Table games.

**FRIDAY, September 23, 2022**

- 6:45 A.M.**  
Colorado State Grange Alumni Breakfast  
Presiding: TBD.
- 8:45 A.M.**  
Open the Grange in the Fourth Degree.  
Report of Credentials Committee.  
Election of Officers.  
Continuation of Committee Reports.
- 11:45 A.M.**  
Recess for Lunch.

**RESERVATIONS FOR MEAL FUNCTIONS FOR STATE SESSION**  
**Deadline For Ticket Orders: September 14, 2022.**

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
_____	<b>Alumni Breakfast</b> — Fri., Sept. 23, 6:45 a.m. <i>For Past State Officers and Directors &amp; Spouses</i>	@ \$10.00 _____
_____	<b>Membership Lunch</b> — Fri., Sept. 23, 11:45 a.m. <i>Everyone invited</i>	@ \$12.00 _____ (13 and under) @ \$6.00 _____
_____	<b>Past Masters Breakfast</b> — Sat., Sept. 24, 6:45 a.m. <i>For Past Masters &amp; Spouses</i>	@ \$10.00 _____
_____	<b>JG Lunch</b> — Sat., Sept. 24, Noon <i>Everyone invited</i>	@ \$10.00 _____ (13 and under) @ \$5.00 _____
_____	<b>Annual Banquet</b> — Sat., Sept. 24, 6 p.m. <i>Everyone invited</i>	@ \$20.00 _____ (13 and under) @ \$10.00 _____

Please indicate your preferred meal selection for the Annual Banquet:  
 Ham \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chicken \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount of All Meals Ordered and Included \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Alumni Breakfast Menu:** Egg Casserole, Muffins, Fruit, Beverages  
**Membership Lunch Menu is as follows:** Taco Bar & Cookies  
**Past Master's Breakfast Menu:** Biscuits & Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, Fruit, Beverages  
**JG Lunch Menu is as follows:** Sandwiches, Salad, Chips, Beverages & Cookies  
**Annual Banquet Menu:** Ham or Chicken, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Salad, Dessert, Beverages  
*All meals are being catered by the Women at the Good Shepherd Church.*

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