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Colorado State Grange Hosts Great Plains Conference

In June we hosted the Great Plains Regional Conference with 52 in attendance. Juniors, Youth, pre-juniors, young adults, and older adults participated. We had Grangers from Oklahoma, Texas, and Colorado participating. Several workshops were offered to participants as well as time at the Royal Gorge. Renee Caldwell from Florissant taught the group how to weave pine needle baskets (Thank you Renee). We tie-dyed tablecloths and other items. The tablecloths will be used at State Session. We had a leadership workshop and spent some time coloring and visiting with others at the table. All who colored received \$5 from



Great Plains Regional Conference participants.

the Oklahoma State Grange. Several youth participated in the impromptu speech program and PICK presented

the top ones with a check. We were pleased to have several Colorado Grangers participating.

- In Memoriam - Joel David Sassman

Joel David "Dave" Sassman, 84 years old of Aurora, Colorado, completed his adventure here on earth and traveled to his eternal home on April 23, 2025.

Dave was born in Austin, Texas, October 3, 1940, to Frederick and Margaret Ruth Sassman. He graduated from Travis High School in Austin, Texas, and attended the University of Texas. He moved to Colorado in 1964. At a Trinity United Methodist Church Single Adult Group outing a young lady, Marge, rode in his car to a movie. The rest as they say is history. Dave and Marge married on October 16, 1965. Unbeknownst to Marge that date was also her new mother-in-law's birthday. Dave and Marge lived for 12 years in Denver before moving to Aurora. Dave was an accountant for many years and received his bachelor's degree in 1989 from Columbia University. Hobbies included model trains, gardening, listening to old time Country music, reading, watching Sci-Fi movies, and, of course, painting. Dave took numerous classes from Bob Ross certified instructors and had his own paint studio in the basement. After retiring Dave found a new love and served as a Docent volunteer in the education department at the Denver Zoo for over 10 years. Dave was an avid sports fan and a Denver Broncos season ticket holder since 1970.

Dave was a member, from the beginning, of Smoky Hill United Methodist Church, teaching many

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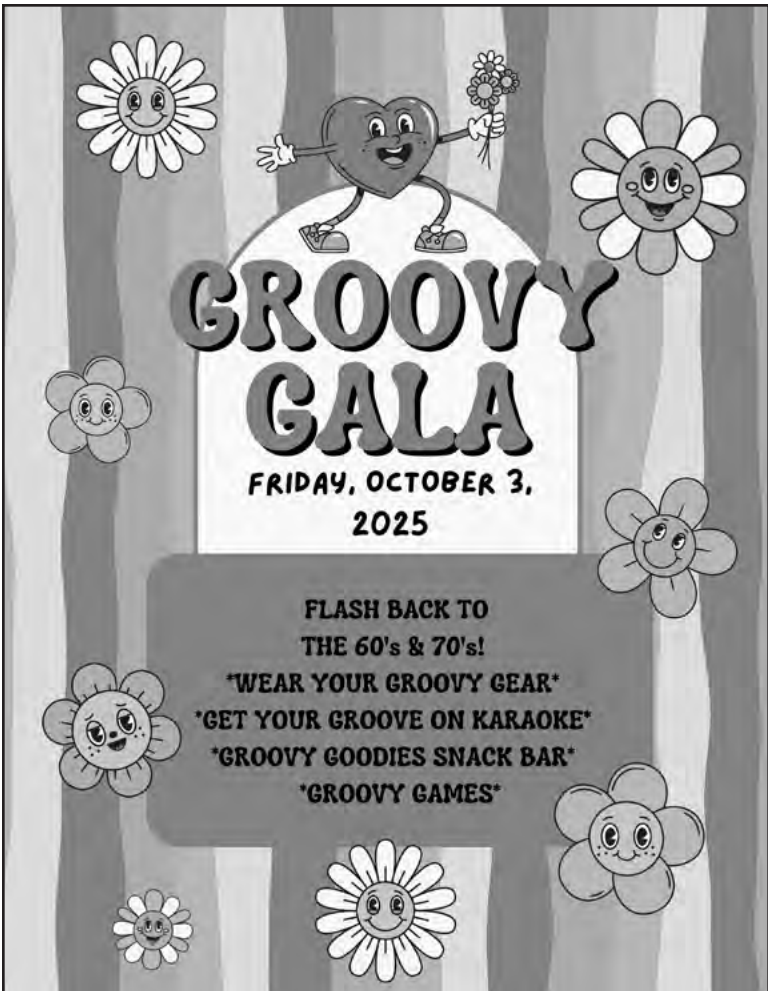


BJ Bushman, Carol Lackey, and others tie-dying tablecloths during the Great Plains Regional Conference to be used during State Session.

National Grange Rep. To Attend Colorado State Session Oct. 2-4

John Benedik, III, of Flemington, New Jersey, was elected National Grange Vice President in 2023. John is a 44-year Grange member in New Jersey, and currently the President of Stanton Grange #148, the President of Hunterdon Pomona Grange #3, and President of New Jersey State Grange.

John is currently a bank manager, enjoys reading John Grisham novels, and is a big New Jersey Devils fan.



Upcoming Events

Call individual Granges for more information.

- Sept. 6 Mount Lookout Pig Roast, 3 p.m.
- Sept. 6 La Plata Pomona Exhibit Day at Florida Grange, exhibits accepted from 1 until 2 p.m.
- Sept. 6 Florissant Craft Show & Flea Market, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Sept. 11 Golden Gate Grange Meeting, 2:30 p.m.
- Sept. 13 Pleasant Park — Regular Meeting, 10 a.m., with breakfast potluck.
- Sept. 13 Sunflower — at the Firehouse in Sedalia, 1 to 6 p.m., Music by Mountain Ranch Band, Sunflower Tomato Tasting, Contests and Awards. Event sponsored by the National Grange Rural Life Initiative Grant.
- Sept. 13 Florissant — Basket Class, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and Needle Felting Class, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Sept. 14 Mount Lookout — Community Dinner, 6 p.m.
- Sept. 15 Mt Allison — Business Meeting, 4:30 p.m. (Grange Hall)
- Sept. 18 Mount Lookout — Adult Craft Night, 6 p.m.
- Sept. 18 Sunflower — Local History Book Club at BMan's — Bruce Hier.
- Sept. 20 Golden Gate — GGFPD Auxiliary Pig Roast, 5 p.m.
- Sept. 24 Meal reservations due for state session.
- Sept. 30 Mount Lookout — Monthly Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- Sept. 30 End of Third Quarter.
- Oct. 2-4 Colorado State Grange Convention, Castle Rock, at Douglas County Fairgrounds.
- Oct. 3 Marvel Business Meeting canceled due to State Session.
- Oct. 8 Enterprise — Potluck with Meeting to follow, 6-8 p.m.
- Oct. 9 Golden Gate — Grange Meeting, 2:30 p.m.
- Oct. 9 Garden Home — Grange Meeting, 7 p.m.
- Oct. 11 Sunflower — Grange Meeting, at Firehouse, 1-3 p.m.
- Oct. 11 Pleasant Park — Regular Meeting, 10 a.m. followed with potluck.
- Oct. 11 Florissant — Basket Class, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Oct. 12 Mount Lookout — Community Dinner, 6 p.m.
- Oct. 16 Sunflower — Local History Book Club at BMan's — Bruce Hier.
- Oct. 16 Mount Lookout — Adult Craft Night, 6 p.m.
- Oct. 18 Golden Gate — Holiday Craft Fair, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Oct. 25 Mt. Allison — Harvest Supper, 5-6:30 p.m. (tentative)
- Oct. 28 Mount Lookout — Monthly Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- Oct. 31 Golden Gate — Trunk or Treat, 5-7 p.m.
- Oct. 31 Florissant — Halloween Party for the Kids, 1-2:30 p.m.
- Oct. 31 Quarterly Reports Due to State Office.
- Nov. 8-16 National Grange Convention Cruise.
- Nov. 8 Sunflower — Grange Meeting at Firehouse, 1-3 p.m.
- Nov. 8 Pleasant Park — Regular Meeting, 10 a.m., followed with Thanksgiving Dinner.
- Nov. 13 Garden Home — Grange Meeting, 7 p.m.
- Nov. 13 Golden Gate — Grange Meeting, 2:30 p.m.
- Nov. 19 Enterprise — Thanksgiving Dinner, 5 p.m.
- Nov. 28 Golden Gate — Gift Drive Starts.
- Nov. 30 Marvel — Breakfast, 8-10 a.m.
- Dec. 6 Golden Gate — Wreath Making, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Dec. 7 Enterprise — Santa Picture Day, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Dec. 11 Garden Home — Grange Meeting, 7 p.m.
- Dec. 13 Sunflower — Winterfest at B'Mans.
- Dec. 13 Darden Pomona — Christmas Dinner & Santa at Enterprise, 5-8 p.m.
- Dec. 31 End of Fourth Quarter.

Weekly Happenings:

Florissant — Every Tuesday Grange Quilters, from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Golden Gate Grange — AA — Every Tuesday, from 7 p.m.
Golden Gate Grange — Yoga — Wednesdays, from 3-4 p.m.
Florissant — Every Thursday is Community Potluck and Music.
Florissant — Business Meeting the 2nd Monday of the month at 6 p.m.

152nd State Session Tentative Agenda And Meal Function Registration Form

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Master's Message

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Brothers and Sisters, as we move into September, final plans for the state convention are being made. We will have a speaker on building insurance, a state representative will be in attendance, and we will tour an historic site in the Castle Rock area. This year will be a full election. I hope all Granges will have delegates at the convention. Please send resolutions to the State Secretary for consideration by the delegates.

The Great Plains Region will be hosting the National Convention in Tulsa, Oklahoma, in November of 2026. Colorado will be helping to man the hospitality room. Anyone who would like to help make the plans, please contact me.

As you make plans for 2026 keep in mind this is the 250th Birthday of America. National Grange is encouraging all Granges to plan community events to celebrate. Consider partnering with other organizations to celebrate. This would be a good time for a community picnic.

As you consider events plan on membership being part of the event. One question to ask is why someone would want to be a member of your Grange. Each Grange should develop a statement which members can use that communicates a reason why someone would want to be a Grange member, specifically a member of your Grange. We all know the benefits of being a Granger, but we need to communicate this to our community and community members who are interested in the Grange.

Please submit a person to the executive committee to be honored with a Quilt of Valor at the convention. These recognitions are important to the people we honor.

Thanks for all your efforts to promote the Grange and make it relevant in your community.

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

— In Memoriam — Joel David Sassman

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adult classes. He was a member of Victory Grange, a member of Liberty Masonic Lodge, Unity Chapter of Eastern Star and Colorado Consistory.

Dave is survived by his wife Marjorie (Estes) Sassman, and, daughters Cyndi Charbonneau, and Debbie (Adam) Kemper. Dave leaves behind three grandchildren — very close to his heart — Abbie, Joel, and Maggie Kemper. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother Richard (Janice) Sassman of Oklahoma. His sister Cher-

yl (Ken) Wischer of Texas joined him in heaven, three days after his death.

Celebration of Life Services were June 1 at Smoky Hill United Methodist Church, 19491 E. Smoky Hill Rd., Centennial CO 80015. The family requested sports team attire to celebrate Dave's love of sports; especially the Broncos, Avalanche, Nuggets, and Rockies.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Denver Zoo Conservation Alliance or the Smoky Hill United Methodist Church Education Fund.

Granger Deadline And Guidelines

October 15, 2025, is the deadline for articles for the November-December 2025 edition of *The Colorado Granger*. You can send them to the State Grange Office, 7629 County Road 100, Hesperus, CO 81326 or email costategrange@gmail.com.

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

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

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

Notes From The Secretary

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September 30 — Officers and Chairmen Reports Due to State Office.

September 30 — End of Third Quarter.

October 2-4 — Colorado State Grange Convention.

October 31 — Third Quarter Reports Due to State Office with Payment.

November 8-16 — National Grange Convention Cruise.

It's the end of the Grange year and the beginning of a new Grange Year. To all the secretaries who are retiring, Thank you for your service. To the secretaries continuing, thank you and keep up the good job. To the New Secretaries, welcome and please contact me (or the state office) if we can be of any help. With this being an election year for the State Grange officers one never knows for sure where one will be serving.

Each Grange's quarterly report needs to be timely as your report affects the state report to National, so your promptness is greatly appreciated.

The Colorado State Grange by-laws and the National Grange digest direct state Secretaries to communicate with Subordinate and Pomona Secretaries. I understand that in some of the subordinate Granges you may have someone else (Membership or even Treasurer) maintaining the membership and submitting

the quarterly report. Please remember that we have 36 Subordinate Granges and three Pomona Granges to communicate with and it becomes extremely confusing to have a different officer or chairman to communicate with regarding quarterly reports. The Grange way is for the secretary to be working in cooperation with the treasurer for example on income and expenses. It's our way of having checks and balances.

We are expecting the National Grange to raise dues by \$10 per person at the beginning of 2026. We won't know for certain until the National convention in November, but you need to be aware and probably adjust the amount of dues you are collecting to insure you have the funds for the first quarter of 2026.

"Brother (Sister), the duties of your office are most arduous of all, requiring judgment, promptness, and efficiency. You become the organ of the Grange, and through you communication is maintained with the Granges throughout the land. Let your correspondence at all times be courteous, brief, yet comprehensive. The records of this Grange will be held as a memento of your labors long after the recording hand has crumbled into dust. Let them be exact, that they may redound to your honor, and exhibit a faithful history of the work of your Grange to all who come after us."

Grange Revival In Utah Draws 70 Attendees



Participants who have attended all four Grange Revivals to date.

This year the Grange Revival was held in Torey, Utah, with around 70 Grangers and friends and family in attendance. Harry & Cindy Greer, Tom Campion, and his family attended. Each evening the group gathered for a meal, fellowship, and games. Special activities included: Dutch oven cooking, homemade ice cream, Card making, Star gazing program, Swimming, Cornhole, Smores, homemade root beer, local music, and table games. Each day people went their separate ways or together to tour the sights, take hikes, visit museums, and shopping. People stayed in their motorhomes and campers, some rented cabins, and some stayed in tents.



Dutch Oven Dessert Night at the Grange Revival.

The next revival will be held in the Smoky Mountains in 2027 at Bryson City, N.C., July 19-24.

Colorado State Grange Website

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As some of you may have noticed, the Colorado State Grange website has been redesigned. I am in the process of adding brief overviews of each Grange (e.g. coloradogranger.org/sunflower).

It's a slow process which could be sped up if each subordinate grange could provide me with a narrative (in a Word format) for their Grange. I will also accept a couple of pictures, if you think that would enhance your page.

In addition, you might consider creating a Google calendar for your Grange. I can then link from your Grange webpage to the calendar. This would enable you to keep your calendar up-to-date and I would not have to do anything each month to add events to your Grange's webpage. If your Grange has a Facebook or other social page, let me know and I can also link to those pages from your Grange's website.

And, please let me know if you have any suggestions for improving the state's website. I am not a professional web developer by any means — my goal is to add functionality to the website and make it where it's useful for all of the Grangers throughout the state.

Finally, if there are any Grangers that are professional web developers, I would not be bashful in stepping aside and letting someone else take over. I am still enjoying supporting this website after 17 years or so.

Happy browsing!

Mandy Project

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Liam Goebel

The Colorado State Grange Mandy Project and PICK have awarded the Goebel family of Arvada \$2,000 toward expenses for their son, Liam, for hearing aids.

In April of 2024 their oldest son (Henry) was diagnosed with sensorineural hearing loss that was eventually found to be secondary to a connexon 26 mutation. Henry began wearing bilateral hearing aids at that time, which were unfortunately not covered by their Blue Cross/Blue Shield insurance plan. They just paid off the \$5,000 out of pocket expense for his aids recently. Their youngest son, Liam, was also diagnosed with sensorineural hearing loss. Though currently of an unknown origin, It is likely to be caused by connexon 25. His hearing aids were also denied by the insurance. They currently owe \$4,556.20 for his hearing aids.

Their immediate focus is on habilitating Liam and supporting his adjustment to wearing hearing aids. He will be seen by a team of deaf and hard of hearing specialists to evaluate other treatment needs. Once they are less overwhelmed, they would like their family to learn ASL so that Henry and Liam are able to form relationships with other deaf and hard of hearing peers. Liam is four years old and attends Everbrook Academy. They have three children.

Donations for the Mandy project can be sent to either Colorado State Grange or PICK at 7629 County Road 100, Hesperus, CO 81326.

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Hello Fellow Grangers! With summer quickly passing and autumn bearing down upon us, we flip the page to the next Grange season. As we look to the next cycle of events and opportunities, let us be reminded of our Grange calling per our by-laws:

- Interested in agriculture
- Interested in the betterment of the human condition in rural America
- Interested in the betterment of the human condition in urban America

We can fulfill these callings in various ways — and I witness your exercising of them when reading your Star Reports.

We all should be interested in agriculture, since it is a direct necessity to human survival. I’ve heard it said: “If you eat, then you should care about agriculture!” How true! Our interest should extend beyond eating, so we can be educated on where our food comes from, as well as being informed of the vast agricultural by-products that surround our daily lives. How can we enhance agricultural interest into action or advocacy?

Next, being interested in the betterment of the human condition in rural America can be either hands on for us or limited to being a proponent. If our Granges are located in rural regions, then opportunities to invest in those local areas are strategic. Activities and events can offer ways to support small businesses, enhance connections, and collaborate with other organizations. Gatherings build up fellowship, which may be needed in more remote areas. Your outreach events and celebrations are true testaments to efforts in bettering rural America.

Then, tackling the betterment of the human condition in urban America is a challenge within our more populated regions. More people and higher populations do not necessarily equate to more socialization. Folks can be isolated and lonely in the heart of a city. Our urban Granges fill this need in many incredible ways. Outreach to the lonely, needy, and forgotten is a huge void that many Granges along the Front Range are working to satisfy. Events that span generations, enhance community, and provide educational experiences are happening by the generous and creative Granges in urban corridors.

I applaud the great impact Granges are accomplishing across Colorado. Wherever a local Grange is located, there are needs being met in the interest of agriculture and for the betterment of our areas.

Again, as we look to our next season of serving our communities, let’s bolster each other in continuing to do good, while raising the bar on our past efforts. In the July 2025 issue of the *Good Day* publication, there was an article on *Performance Improvement Plans* (PIP). The article spoke to the idea that no matter how good an event or project may have been, there is always room for improvement. Some key items highlighted in the article to remember when creating event plans are: 1. Stating a purpose; 2. Create an overall plan; 3. Set goals; 4. Establish objectives (to help fulfill the goal). Then, try to stay focused on the purpose. Keep the purpose simple and targeted, without too much information. Remember to have fun! Improving, enhancing, recreating events or projects should be a positive action. We’re working toward “the betterment” and that should give us a cheerful spirit!

Keep up the great efforts, continue building relationships, and remember to reach out and include others. What a pleasant recipe to stay *Grange Strong.*



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tember 1st and it is now time to start making items to enter for next year’s contest.

Maybe think about learning something new, or perhaps try out some

new recipes It is always inspiring to attend the county fairs to get some ideas of possibilities for projects to do during the year, and potentially enter next year.

Sen. R. Pelton

HB25-1074 Change Confinement Standards Egg-Laying Hens — Concerning changing confinement standards for egg-laying hens whose eggs are sold. Last Action: 01/27/2025 | House Committee on Agriculture, Water & Natural Resources Postpone Indefinitely. Sponsors: Rep. R. Gonzalez | Sen. B. Kirkmeyer

HB25-1134 Insect Production Human Consumption — Concerning the regulation of insects for

human consumption. Last Action: 02/10/2025 | House Committee on Agriculture, Water & Natural Resources Postpone Indefinitely. Sponsors: Rep. S. Bottoms

HB25-1190 Expanding Colorado Cottage Foods Act — Concerning expanding the “Colorado Cottage Foods Act” to allow for the sale of foods that require refrigeration. Last Action: 03/3/2025 | House Committee on Agriculture, Water & Natural Resources Postpone Indefinitely. Sponsors: Rep. R. Gonzalez

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It is that time again. State Grange Session time has arrived. It will be Oct 2-4 at the Douglas County Fair Grounds at Kirk Hall. It is a great time to get recognition for your juniors and youth.

Photo and Craft entries to be turned into state at Kirk Hall, Thursday, Oct. 2. Entries should include name, age, category and sponsoring grange.

There are several other categories of awards I hope you will consider entering:

Public Speaking. Age categories are 5-7, 8-10, and 11-14. There are three style categories: Impromptu, Short Story, and Prepared. Live presentations are encouraged and can be presented either at the Junior Grange Luncheon on Saturday or the final banquet on Saturday evening. We will also accept a video of the presentation, and it should be sent to artklw@gmail.com.

Sign-a-Song Contest. Contestant must supply own music and method to play the music. Participants should be between the ages of 5-14. For the state contest, an adult can be part of a group presentation. Again

live presentations are requested and can be done either at the Junior Grange Luncheon or the Final Banquet. We will accept a video of the presentation, and it should be sent to artklw@gmail.com.

Creative Writing Contest. Age categories are 5-7, 8-10, 11-14. The theme is “Water.” History, cultivation, uses, or description should be the topic. Entries can be brought to state session on Thursday, Oct. 2. This is also a national contest. Please check the national website for details.

Cape of Honor Award. Junior Grangers should report their community service hours and projects for the past grange year. Three categories are available for awards: 10-100 hours (white tier), 101-200 hours (red tier) and 201 to 300 hours (blue tier). Entry materials should be brought to state session, Oct. 2. This is also a national program. Please check the national website for details.

Cherish time you spend with your juniors getting these entries together. I am excited to see you, and the entries, at state session.

Legislative Activity

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SB25-039 Agricultural Buildings Exempt from Energy Use Requirements

Concerning exemptions from energy use reporting requirements for owners of agricultural buildings.

Last Action: 03/28/2025 | Governor Signed Sponsors: Sen. J. Bridges | Sen. B. Pelton | Rep. M. Martinez | Rep. D. Johnson

SB25-128 Agricultural Worker Service Providers Access Private Property

Concerning repealing certain provisions that prohibit an employer from interfering with an agricultural employee’s access to service providers, and, in connection therewith, repealing provisions that prohibit an employer from interfering with an agricultural employee’s access to service providers on private land.

Last Action: 05/29/2025 | Governor Signed Sponsors: Sen. B. Pelton | Sen. D. Roberts | Rep. K. McCormick | Rep. T. Winter

SB25-029 Ranch Property Tax Clarifications — Concerning clari-

fication of the definition of “ranch” used in connection with the taxation of agricultural property. Last Action: 01/29/2025 | Senate Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources Postpone Indefinitely. Sponsors: Sen. D. Roberts | Sen. B. Pelton | Rep. J. McCluskie

SB25-253 Remove Fee Reversion Animal Feeding Operations — Concerning the elimination of certain repeal dates associated with the payment by persons in the animal agriculture sector of fees regarding regulated activities associated with animal feeding operations. Last Action: 04/25/2025 | Governor Signed

Sponsors: Sen. J. Bridges | Sen. B. Kirkmeyer | Rep. E. Sirota | Rep. R. Taggart

HB25-1064 Prohibition on Cultivated Meat — Concerning a prohibition on cultivated meat.

Last Action: 01/27/2025 | House Committee on Agriculture, Water & Natural Resources Postpone Indefinitely. Sponsors: Rep. T. Winter |

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See You At The Colorado State Grange Convention At Douglas County Fairgrounds, October 2-4, 2025.

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October 2 — PICK Silent Auction at State Session.

October 2 — PICK Annual Meeting.

October 4 — Silent Auction Ends, Noon.

We would be happy to receive any donations for the silent auction at state session and of course we look forward to those who will bid on the items donated. It's a small fundraiser for PICK that helps pay annual fees that must be filed by the organization.

I recently had a meeting and site visit with the Coors Foundation about a grant we submitted for Mt. Allison, Marvel, and Animas Valley. I answered lots of questions

and then we had to submit some additional information from each Grange. Financial information was requested. How many people were served in the last year and how many programs were held in the last year. Then PICK has to provide financial information as well as donors and copies of the 990 reports. So applying for Grants takes quite a bit of work. The Coors Family Foundation does not meet until early November, so we will not know if we receive funding until then. We are hopeful because The Coors Family Foundations realizes the Granges are unique and an essential part of the communities they exist in.

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What You Need to Know About 1031 Exchanges

The 1031 Exchange name comes from Internal Revenue Code Section 1031. It enables you to defer capital gains tax and depreciation recapture by reinvesting the proceeds from the sale of investment property into replacement property, thus preserving significant wealth in your estate. Your 1031 exchange deferrals can be continued through as many exchanges as you wish. However, when you sell the property without reinvesting in a new property, there will be capital gains and depreciation recapture tax liability.

A tax-deferred 1031 exchange can be a powerful wealth-building tool. However, we highly recommend you consult a professional tax advisor to ensure that you meet every requirement of Internal Revenue Code Section 1031. Failure to meet requirements can result in immediate tax liabilities and associated penalties. In addition, you must follow—to the letter—the strict timeline and procedural requirements for a proper 1031 exchanges.

To learn more, check out our two helpful resources: *A Guide To Your 1031 Exchange* and our *1031 Exchange Checklist*.

Section 1031 Requirements

It is absolutely critical to follow the requirements for 1031 exchanges to *the letter* in order to realize the investment benefits and avoid costly penalties.

The exchange process must be facilitated by a *Qualified Intermediary (QI)*, the professional who actually executes the exchange. QIs hold the proceeds from the property you sell until they are reinvested in the replacement property. There must be a written “exchange agreement” between you and the QI to prevent you from having “constructive receipt” of the funds during the exchange period. The QI is required to complete a valid 1031 exchange that ensures all roles are followed and equity is preserved during the process. Using a QI as an independent third-party to facilitate a tax-deferred exchange is a safe harbor established by Treasury Regulations, and it is very important for you to select a QI before closing on the sale of your property. We can work with any authorized QI of your choice, or we can suggest one who is fully bonded and has a national reputation.

The properties involved must be “like-kind.” This requirement is

liberally interpreted, and virtually all real estate properties, whether raw land or those with substantial improvements, qualify as like-kind. However, REITs, real estate funds or other securities do not qualify for 1031 exchange.

Types of like-kind properties may include Raw Land, Multi-Family Rentals, Retail Shopping Centers, Office Buildings, Industrial Facilities & Storage Facilities.

You must follow strict identification and timeline rules for a 1031 exchange to the letter:

- You must identify the exchange properties in writing within 45 calendar days of the closure for the relinquished property in accordance with one of the following rules:
 - ~ **Three-Property Rule:** Identification of up to three properties regardless of the total value of property identified
 - ~ **200% Rule:** Identification of any number of properties wherein the combined FMV (fair market value) does not exceed 200% of the relinquished properties' FMV
 - ~ **95% Rule:** Identification of any number of properties regardless of the aggregate FMV, as long as at least 95% of the property is ultimately acquired.
- You must also close on the replacement property or properties within 180 calendar days of the closure for the relinquished property.

Other requirements include:

- You must hold the properties for productive use in a business or for the purpose of investment.
- The replacement property must be of equal or greater value than the property you sold.
- The equity of the replacement property must be of equal or greater value than the equity of the property you sold. It is important to note that you CANNOT replace equity by acquiring more debt (with the exception of a 1033 Exchange).
- The debt held by the replacement property must be of equal or greater value than the debt held by the property you sold unless you offset lower debt on the replacement property by adding cash to the exchange.

All net profit from the relinquished property must be used in the purchase of the replacement property otherwise you could have taxable consequences, sometimes known as “boot.”

Chaplain's Corner

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Have you ever wondered about Jesus' life as a child? Did He ever have a cold? Did He ever argue with his siblings? Did he ever skin His knees? We don't know any of these things and will never know the answers, but we do know He is the Son of God and full of knowledge and wisdom. When He was only twelve, He went to Jerusalem with His family and stayed behind while his family headed home to Nazareth without Him. They discovered He wasn't with them and went back, I'm sure very frantic, to find Him. They searched for Him for 3 days and found Him in the temple sitting amidst scholars and teachers listening to them and asking questions. All those who heard Him answer were astonished at His un-

derstanding and answers. His mother saw him and was amazed at what He was doing. She was very relieved to have found him but wanted to know why He didn't tell them he was staying behind, making them worry about Him. This is when he asked her “Why did you seek me? Did you know that I must be about my Father's business.” (Luke 2:49) NKJV. He then went home and was increasing in wisdom and stature and being respectful to his smother. She now knew He was in good favor with His true Father God. Have you ever wondered what Jesus did for the next few years before His ministry? Did He do carpentry work with Joseph? We do know He was a Carpenter. Did He just do His Father's business in Naz-

Pikes Peak

El Paso and Teller Counties

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

Upcoming Events:
Every Thursday is Community Potluck and Music.

Every Tuesday the Florissant Grange Quilters meet from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Business meeting is the 2nd Monday of the month at 6 p.m.

July 12 – Basket Class and Needle Felting Class 9:00-12:00

September 6 — Craft Show & Flea Market, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

September 13 — Basket Class, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.; Needle Felting Class, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

October 11 — Basket Class 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

October 31 — Halloween Party for the Kids, 1-2:30 p.m.

In July we celebrated Heritage Day with the entire community of Florissant. We had Crafters and Vendors, Music, and Kids games. We served Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Brats, and Ice Cream. We estimate at least 300 people came through our part of Heritage Day. The Fire Dept. had their annual Pancake Breakfast, the Historic Society had the Museum open and demonstrations of geological interest. The Cemetery had two cemetery walks and talked about the famous people buried in our local cemetery and the Fossil Beds and Hornbec Homestead was open to the public on this Historic Day.

Harvest Host camping has kept us very busy this summer. We have



The Historic Society had the museum open on Heritage Day.



been full almost every weekend since April. This is great income for our Grange and for our little Gift Shop. The campers love the tours of our Historic School House and we tell them the history of the school, the area, and our Grange.

The Florissant Grange Quilts for Veterans awarded two quilts to Veterans in our community during the month of August.

On August 23, we had a Dinner Concert as a fundraising event to fund our new furnace. Local artist, Rich Currier, performed the Music of the late Chuck Pyle. Chuck was well known for the music he wrote for Jerry Jeff Walker, John Denver, the Eagles, and more. We served dinner to a sold-out crowd. They enjoyed pulled pork, cowboy beans, skewered roasted veggies, coleslaw, and dessert. This was a great fund-

areh? We don't know, but we know He started His ministry with His first miracle at the wedding. Because God loved us so much, He sent His only Son into the world to give us a chance of forever lasting life with him. There is no wondering about this fact. We just need to accept God's free gift of Jesus.

COLORADO STATE GRANGE MEMORIALS

Memorial donations to honor members and past members who have passed away should be made payable to **CSG Leadership/Scholarship** and mailed to the State Grange office, 7629 County Road 100, Hesperus, CO 81326. Memorial donations are listed in the Book of Memories and included in the Memorial Service at the State convention.

We have received donations in memory of the following:

Dave Sassman, Victory Grange #452
Roberta Davis, Golden Gate Grange #451

Larry Ramstetter, Golden Gate Grange #451

raising event and should bring us to the total that we need for the new furnace.

Sept 6 will be the final Craft Show and Flea Market for this summer season. We have the inside full for crafters and several outdoor spaces for flea marketeers.

The 31st of October we look forward to putting together our famous Haunted House for all the kiddos. We also have free halloweenies, chips, and drinks for everyone. And this year we have some outdoor games for the kids providing the weather holds.

As always, the Craft Classes are the second Saturday of each month. We always have the Pine Needle Basket Class and we throw in a few classes for Needle Felting and Painting.

Renee Caldwell



Hamburgers, hot dogs, brats, and ice cream were served to approximately 300 attendees.

Deadline for the November-December 2025 Issue Of The Colorado Granger Newspaper Is October 15, 2025.

El Paso LOEDA WESTPHAL CELEBRATES 70 YEARS OF GRANGE MEMBERSHIP

Seventy years ago I graduated from the Mountain View Juvenile Grange in Ellicott, Colorado, during a special recognition ceremony. I served as secretary in a very active Juvenile Grange which did ritual at a National Grange Convention held at the City Auditorium in Colorado Springs during the 1950s. Never did I ever dream of the importance the new membership would be for the rest of my life. When my parents sold the Yoder farm, our family demitted to El Paso Grange in 1961. Outside of several years being a member of Riverside Grange in Montrose, the balance of my Grange years has been with El Paso.

A highlight of my Grange years was the National Grange tour and cruise to Alaska when George and I served as assistants with National Master, Kermit Richardson, initiating 12 new members at the Two Riv-

ers Grange northeast of Fairbanks in 2003. Another exciting time included the marketing of collectable China in honor of the National Grange 125th anniversary across the United States and at the National Convention held in Denver during November of 1992.

Most important of all, I met my husband at El Paso Grange. Together we served in many capacities including Pikes Peak Pomona Deputies for over 20 years and selling Grange insurance in the Colorado Springs and Fountain area. It has been a honor to serve in many positions at the Pomona and State level including State Pomona, Convention pianist, and State Chaplain. The Leadership and Scholarship Foundation has also been an important part of my Grange life helping my sons, Wenton and Kevin, during their college years. Now my three grandchildren are benefiting with scholarships during their college years. As a four generation Grange family, we thank you for your friendship, support, and fellowship during the many years.



Ute Mountain Dolores and Montezuma Counties

Mount Lookout

Contact Abby Fox, abbyjfox@gmail.com for further information.

September 6 — Pig Roast, 3 p.m.

September 14 — Community Dinner, 6 p.m.

September 18 — Adult Craft Night, 6 p.m.

September 30 — Monthly Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

October 12 — Community Dinner, 6 p.m.

October 16 — Adult Craft Night, 6 p.m.

October 28 — Monthly Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

We have been having a wonderful summer here in Mancos. Thanks to the help of so many generous donations and hard work, we have been enjoying our renovated interior. This includes updated electric and lighting, beautiful new floors, and a raised ceiling, which makes the space feel so big.

In July, a creative crew put together a Mt. Lookout Grange float for the Mancos Days parade. The theme this year was “Little Town, Big Top,” and our float won first place

with jugglers, lions, tigers, clowns, elephants, a miniature horse, and more. It was heartwarming to see our group, spanning several generations, bring the fun and energy to Mancos Days 2025!

July also held the first of our new series of Adult Craft Nights. A group of 20 people gathered to learn about cyanotype, and use the sun’s UV rays to print flowers and leaves onto bandanas. Each month features a beginner-friendly craft, with all supplies and instruction provided. August’s craft is glass etching, in September attendants will learn how to hand-carve their own stamps, and October will feature some cute ghost crafts. We are excited to have received a Rural Life Initiative grant to support this program!

In September we will hold our 9th Annual Pig Roast fundraiser. Several local farmers donate produce to this event, local breweries and cideries donate drinks, and baker extraordinaire, Carol, will bring her famous whoopie pies. The Blue Moon Ramblers, a Durango-based band, will bring the music, a toe-tappin’ bend of bluegrass, folk, Western swing, and Americana. Known as the long-time house band of the Diamond Belle Saloon at the Strater Hotel, they’ve got soul, history, and harmonies that’ll make your heart sing.

Abby Fox



Progressive Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas & Elbert Counties

Sunflower

Contact Cherry Ellis, 303-581-7672, cherryellis5@yahoo.com, P.O. Box 221, Sedalia CO 80135, for further information.

September 13 at the Firehouse in Sedalia, 1-6 p.m., Music by Mountain Ranch Band, Tomato Tasting, Contests and Awards. Event sponsored by the National Grange Rural Life Initiative Grant.

September 18 Local History Book Club at BMan’s — Bruce Hier.

October 2, 3, 4 Grange Colorado State Session in Castle Rock.

October 11 Grange meeting at Firehouse, 1-3 p.m.

October 16 Local History Book Club at BMan’s — Bruce Hier.

November 8 — Grange meeting at Firehouse, 1-3 p.m.

December 13 — Winterfest at BMan’s.

August 16 was the third and last Band Night under the Stars at BMan’s. Crowds of 250 to 300 enjoyed each Band Night with the Sideways Seven and Bruce Hier again this summer. Music is the best investment that our Grange makes each year — it makes us all happy. Though we all appreciate Bruce and the talented musicians, their biggest fan may be Margaret Ellis who loves to dance and gets her whole family on the dancefloor. The number of dancers increases every time the band plays, and BMan’s great barbeque disappears earlier each time. We hope to find an indoor place to enjoy their music this fall and winter.

Sunflower’s speakers this year included Dave Star on Square Dancing, Jaclyn Monteserin on Bees, a panel on Raising Chickens led by Kim Rankin of Sedalia Elementary’s Sustainability Project, Ellie Furata of Douglas County Health Department, and finally in July, Charlie Dunham of Colorado Computers gave an excellent talk on Cybersecurity, the Hackers Convention (!) and how to prevent some computer scams. The speakers were excellent, but we need to adjust our meeting time for better attendance.

After watching National Grange’s helpful webinar on Rural Life Initiative Project, I contacted Phil Vonda, National Grange Communication Director (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PwI90aKPHrU>), and he helped me start the application process for one of the \$1,000 Summer Rural Life Initiative Grants. Many of Sunflower’s activities support National Grange’s Project



Basil growing on vertical pipes in one of the FarmBox Foods Fresh containers dedicated to providing produce for Sedalia!

Sustenance three pillars: food security, self-sustainability, and resilience. (<https://www.nationalgrange.org/projectsustenance/>) The Grant provides funding to expand on all. I asked our Grange members for help applying. Charl Lee Sauer and Wayne Eads know about writing grants; they gave encouragement and guidance, then helped edit the Grant application. Diana Bates, Sunflower’s Lecturer, volunteered to tackle the financial portion of the application, I wrote the text, and we finished it before the deadline of July 31. We didn’t have to wait long! On August 1, we received an email from the Rural Life Initiative Team: “We’re happy to let you know that your Summer Grant (\$1000) application has been approved, and we are now initiating the payment process.” Thirty Summer Grants were offered nationally, and we received one of them. What an honor!

With the very short timeline, Diana and I began planning right away. The Rural Life Initiative Grant provides funds for Sunflower to host an event before September 30. As our main event, we chose to expand the Tomato Tasting that we’ve held since 2019 into a Fall Festival partnering with as many organizations and local businesses as possible. We planned some music, contests that will involve businesses and organizations in our community, and awards for tomatoes as well as community heroes. We doubled efforts to recruit new members and Associate Members; the Grant provided financial incentives for each. As I write this article in mid-August, we are visiting businesses, communicating with organizations, and pulling together a schedule of events for September 13 from 1 to 6 p.m. that will include and engage as



Charl Lee Sauer wins Cornhole Game with Harvey.

many Sedaliaites as possible. If you are in the neighborhood, please join us in some tomato/fall fun. We are challenging Rob Northway of Garden Home Grange to show us how to grow Celebrity Tomatoes! Will his favorite win the prize for “Tastiest?”


Thanks to the generosity of Jim Wiegler of Historic Douglas County, Sunflower (Diana Bates, Sandi Hier, and Cherry Ellis) again had a space at the Douglas County Fair in early August. We met some nice people interested in local history and one even knew about Granges!

Grange members Kay and Fred LaPerriere introduced us to their neighbors FarmBox when the business started in 2020 as our Grange was beginning. According to Chris Michlewicz, FarmBox VP of Communications, an earlier business plan had been to convert semi-sized metal shipping containers into tiny homes. That transitioned into converting the containers into environmentally controlled mobile “gardens” — today’s agriculture. <https://farmboxfoods.com/>. Natural Foods and a hospital were their first customers. Sunflower Grange members toured the models and have been boosters. The units can be moved to places after natural or man-made disasters to produce food on site, they can produce large quantities of animal food in a short while, and they can provide sustainable food sources for communities, like Sedalia. On August 14, Diana Bates, Dick and Cherry Ellis attended FarmBox Foods Fresh ribbon-cutting, announcing containers dedicated to providing produce for Sedalia! What a welcome addition to our food supply and to our business community. Chris wrote a mushroom poem for an earlier Tomato Tasting, so we’ll be expecting an “Ode to Basil” or Haiku on lettuce for this year’s poetry contest, Chris!

Remember September 13 from 1 to 6 p.m. at the Firehouse in Sedalia for the Tomato Tasting/Fall Festival.

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Door Prize Bingo and Pizza



Thursday 5-7 pm.

October 2

at the Meadows Grange Hall
3692 Meadows Blvd., Castle Rock
\$5.00 donation for Pizza appreciated.

Darden
Jefferson County

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

The annual Darden Pomona picnic was hosted by Pleasant Park Grange in Conifer in July. We enjoyed a wonderful day with good food and fellowship with friends. Everyone enjoyed selecting a prize from a variety of door prize gifts provided by Pleasant Park Grange. Almost everyone was a winner! Thank you, Pleasant Park Grange!

We met at Maple Grove Grange in September for the quarterly meeting. Delegates were selected for the State Convention.

The November meeting will be held at Enterprise Grange to discuss plans for the annual Christmas party. Idella Lewis

Enterprise Grange

Contact **Carol Lackey**, carolackeyhomes@gmail.com, or 303-521-4477, for further information.

Wednesday, October 8, 2025, 6-8 p.m. Potluck with Meeting to follow. Join us for a fun potluck followed by our monthly meeting! The theme is Halloween — bring any dish that’s spooky, festive, or simply black, orange, or pumpkin-inspired. After the meal, we’ll discuss upcoming winter community service projects, plans for our Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners, and details for Santa Day. We’ll also finalize arrangements for selling our gnome teacups. To wrap things up, our delegates from the State Convention will share highlights and updates from their time at the event.

Wednesday, November 19, 2025, 5 p.m. — Thanksgiving Dinner

Everyone is invited to join us for a warm and festive Thanksgiving celebration! Guests from Carin’ Clinic and Shannon’s Hope will be joining Grangers, friends, and family for an evening of fellowship and gratitude. Our feast will be a traditional potluck complete with turkey and all the trimmings. The Grange will provide turkey, potatoes with gravy, beverages, and desserts. Guests are encouraged to bring a favorite holiday side dish to share. We will be collecting non-per-



Hand and Foot Canasta made for an enjoyable Grange afternoon.

ishable food items for those in need during the holidays. Please consider helping with this drive when you arrive for dinner.

Sunday, December 7, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Santa Picture Day.

Location: Arvada Community Room, 7601 Grandview Avenue in Arvada.

Santa Claus is Coming! Santa will arrive at 10 a.m. for photos with your children, grandchildren, and even pets! Enjoy professional photos, cookies, and refreshments while you wait. For the little ones, we’ll have coloring books and stationery so they can write letters to Santa before sharing their wishes in person.

Saturday, December 13, 2025, 5-8 p.m. — Pomona Christmas Dinner and Santa. Hosted by Darden Pomona Grangers and located at the Enterprise Grange #25, 7203 Simms Street, Arvada.

Join us for a festive evening of food, fellowship, and holiday cheer! The celebration begins with a potluck dinner for Grangers, their families and friends, as well as children referred by Carin’ Clinic and Shannon’s Hope. The Grange will provide the main course, beverages, and desserts — please bring a favorite side dish to share.

After dinner, enjoy a delightful program featuring Christmas carol sing-alongs, children’s performances, and a reading of *The Night Before Christmas*. Then, the magic continues as Santa Claus arrives! Every child who visits Santa will receive a small gift and have the chance to

share their Christmas wishes. The evening concludes with a piñata for the children. Bring your children and grandchildren, and join us for this heartwarming holiday tradition!

We had no meetings in June or July.

From April through August, Enterprise Grange members gathered to create **Gnome Teacups**, our newest fundraising project. In the past, we hosted High Teas, but after retiring that event, many teacups were left stored away at the Grange. Rather than let them sit unused, we decided to give them new life by transforming them into whimsical gnome teacups.

These charming creations will be available for purchase at several holiday venues. We’re excited to see something that was once just taking up space turned into a fun and meaningful fundraiser for the Grange.

On July 31 at 11:30 a.m., 12 of us gathered for a lively game of Hand and Foot Canasta. Everyone brought their own lunch, and Dorothy Dannels treated us to a delicious dessert. The cards kept us entertained until 4:00 in the afternoon, and it was truly a fun and enjoyable time for all!

Carol Lackey

Maple Grove

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

Maple Grove Grange members have been on vacation this summer, enjoying traveling, picnics, concerts in the park, dance conventions, and other activities and busy visiting friends and relatives.

The summer picnic was moved



Display of Enterprise Grange’s gnome teacups.

from July to September with a brunch picnic at 10 a.m.

The pancake/burrito breakfast which had been scheduled for October 18 has been postponed until further notice.

Idella Lewis

Pleasant Park

Contact **Yvonne Ludwig**, Master, for information, at 303-838-4805, 22551 Pleasant Park Road, Conifer, CO 80433.

September 13 — Regular meeting 10 a.m. with breakfast potluck.

October 11 — Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed with potluck.

November 8 — Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed with Thanksgiving Dinner.

The Pomona Picnic was held on July 12, 2025. Thank you to everyone who attended.

The bicycle Rest Stop continues to be busy with many riders coming up Deer Creek Road. A special thank you to the committee and volunteers who keep the coolers filled and the area clean.

The annual Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on November 8 at noon after the regular meeting. The dinner is provided by members of Pleasant Park Grange and everyone is invited to attend. Please RSVP to make sure there is enough food for everyone. 303-838-4805 or yjludwig@msn.com.

The yard looks like a golf course thanks to Jon Kullmann and crew. As Steward, he and his crew have taken care of the yard and building maintenance. Many trees had to be cut down and others sprayed for pine beetles. Some of the firewood was donated to members in need with plenty left over to heat the Grange hall all winter.

We continue to look for new members and ways to educate locals of the advantages to become a member.

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

Yvonne Ludwig

Golden Gate

Contact **Terri Costeldia**, terricosteldia@hotmail.com, 970-640-7185, for further information.



Trees had to be cut down at Pleasant Park Grange, with some of the firewood donated to members in need and plenty left to heat the Grange.

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Sunflower

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Bring your prize tomatoes — heaviest, prettiest, ugliest, tastiest — for judging by the attendees. Write a veggie-inspired poem or song, draw or paint a picture, take a photo. Visit the other organizations in town and our great local businesses. We hope to see many new Grangers by the end of September!

Cherry Ellis

Garden Home

Contact **Renee Hackett**, rhackett@hotmail.com, for further information.

October 9 — Garden Home Grange meeting, 7 p.m.

November 13 — Garden Home Grange Meeting, 7 p.m.

December 11 — Garden Home Grange Meeting, 7 p.m.

On July 26, the Garden Home Grange members met up with Pastor Wayman and other volunteers at Sharing and Caring Christian Center. We prayed for all the wonderful people we would meet today, volunteers, and the food that was generously made by Feed the City. We traveled up the road and set up shop to hand out over 200 bags that included two sandwiches, chips, fruit, water, with shampoo, conditioner, soap, bibles, and other personal items available. Hot 100° day!!! It was a blessing to meet every single person who was so thankful for the food, water, and other items. Help and prayers were given!! God is GOOD!!

Renee Hackett



Volunteers from Garden Home Grange and Sharing and Caring Christian Center handed out over 200 bags of food made by Feed the City.



ware, Ramstetter history and fiction books, goat milk and soap, burnt wood crafts, and much more! Don't forget to grab lunch and baked goods while you shop! Have a cup of coffee for free! If you would like to donate some baked goods for our sale, we would welcome your donation!

The Halloween Trunk or Treat party will be held on Friday, October 31, at 5 p.m. If you would like to participate by decorating your truck or car trunk and passing out treats, information will be provided soon. Admission is free for all!

In late November we will hold our annual Gift Drive for Jefferson County children in need. Your generosity in previous years has been

greatly appreciated. A notice about this year's program will be shared in November.

On December 6, from 10 a.m. to Noon we will once again hold a Wreath Making session. We will provide native greens for making the wreaths. Bring your own wire wreath frame or purchase one at the event. We will have ribbon for bows and other decorations to add to your wreath or swag.. This event is free for Grange members and \$5 for non-Grangers.

The Golden Gate Grange Annual Rummage Sale was a great success! We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to DeeDee Ramstetter for organizing and running the event, our



Certifications were awarded to 13 participants in the First Aid/CPR/AED Training at the Grange.



Golden Gate Grange Annual Rummage Sale was a great success!

IN MEMORIAM
Roberta Maxine Davis
October 1, 1934 – July 5, 2025
Golden Gate Grange

Roberta Maxine Davis, of Golden, Colorado, passed away on Saturday, July 5, 2025, after a brief illness. She lived a long life of 90 years and was surrounded by loved ones as she passed.

Roberta was born on October 1, 1934, the daughter of Harvey and Sarah Saltzman. She was raised in Geneva, Nebraska, along with eight brothers and two sisters. She attended Geneva High School.

She married Art Davis on September 9, 1960, in Englewood, Colorado. They were married for 64 years, setting a great example of what love looks like for those around them. Roberta had five children: Randy (Karen) Davis, Rick (Kathy) Davis, Bob Davis, Roy (Darla) Davis, and Christy (Kurt) Marrs. They have 13 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

In addition to raising their family, Art and Roberta built several successful businesses together. First, they sold western wear at various markets and county fairs. At the same time, they started Art's Saddle Repair, which they ran out of their home in Lakewood. Eventually, they outgrew their basement and created Davis Tent and Awning, joined by sons Rick and Roy

and grandson Christopher.

For many years, Art and Roberta enjoyed being members of various car clubs where they would tour with friends and show off their cars. Roberta's favorite was a 1934 Chevrolet

with a rumble seat, nicknamed "Old Crow." She was also a member of the Golden Gate Grange, Golden Gate Columbine Club, and Faith Lutheran Church in Golden.

Her hobbies included shopping and baking. Her favorite was making pies, and she baked a pie for every occasion. She also enjoyed traveling. In addition

to her trips around the lower 48, she traveled to Alaska and Hawaii. She was an international traveler as well with trips to Australia, England, France, and Mexico.

Preceding Roberta in death are her parents, eight of her siblings, daughter-in-law Kathy Davis, and son-in-law Kurt Marrs. Roberta is survived by her brother Gerald Saltzman of Denver and a multitude of nieces and nephews scattered throughout the United States.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be sent to: The Golden Gate Auxiliary (which supports volunteer firefighters) P.O. Box 17623 Golden, CO 80403 OR Special Olympics of Colorado, 12450 E. Arapahoe Rd, Suite C Centennial, CO 90112.



Slash Day resulted in 72 truckloads of slash being removed from Golden Gate Canyon.

biggest fundraiser of the year. It takes many days and significant effort to collect and organize all the wonderful donations made by the community before the sale days. At the sale's end the remaining donations must be boxed and stored or given to other canyon fundraisers or charities. The volunteers who help set up, organize,

price, man the sales desk, and cook the lunch offerings and cleanup are vital to making the event run smoothly. Thanks to DeeDee and the over 20 folks who helped!

The Slash Day held this summer at the Grange in collaboration with the Golden Gate Volunteer Fire Fighters, resulted in 72 truckloads of slash being chipped and removed from the Canyon. Thanks to the GGFPD Volunteers who unloaded and chipped slash, the Golden Gate Auxiliary for providing food and hydration for the workers, and all the residents who made both their own property and the Canyon a safer place by their fire mitigation efforts. We plan to hold another slash collection next summer.

Earlier this summer we conducted an important First Aid/CPR/AED Training event where 13 Canyon residents received training and were awarded Certification in each training area..

Thanks to the Golden Gate Fire Chief, Kyle Kociemba-Benson, for obtaining professional instructors for this program. If you missed the



Diana Bates and friends at Band Night.

training this year, plan to attend the next one in 2026.

Yoga is held on Wednesdays from 3-4 p.m. If you haven't been to a class before, Instructors Judy and Susan, will provide a class that will offer alternatives for all levels.

Website: www.GoldenGateGrange.com/Facebook: Golden Gate Canyon Community.

Grange phone: 303-273-9516.
Jayne Ruesch



Fiber display presented by Southwest Fiber Alliance



Quilts of Valor presented to veterans by Cindy Greer.

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

Mt. Allison

Contact Larry Corman, larry_corman@hotmail.com, 970-749-8438, for more information.

Upcoming Events:

- September 6 — Exhibit Day @ Florida Grange — exhibits accepted from 1 until 2 p.m.
- September 15 — Business Meeting @ 4:30 p.m. (Grange Hall).
- October 2-4 — State Session @ Castle Rock.
- October 25 — Harvest Supper (5-6:30 p.m.) — tentative.

We had Sherry Woodbridge, president of the Southwest Fiber Alliance, take us through the entire wool cycle — from sheep to finished goods. She showed those in attendance on how to wash the fleece, different methods to dye, and other interesting topics. You never know what you might learn as a Granger!

Our community Grow Dome was completed and celebrated with an open house on June 27. We still have quite a bit of work to complete on the inside of the dome to prepare it

for next year's growing season.

Mt. Allison will be hosting the La Plata Pomona picnic in a couple of days — looking forward to seeing fellow Grangers from our area.

We hope to see many of you at the State Session in October. It's always good to catch up with our fellow Grangers from across the state.

Larry Corman

Marvel

Contact Cindy Greer, 970-749-8108 or hcrdgreer@gmail.com for further information.

October 3 — Business Meeting cancelled due to State Session.

November 30 — Breakfast from 8-10 a.m.

In July we had our Ice cream social with 70 in attendance. The event was held at the home of Lila Greer. We had 10 different flavors of homemade ice cream to honor veterans with. We presented two quilts of Valor: one to Mitch Kennedy (Navy) and one to Ronnie Zufelt (Army). Thank you to Roger and Sheryl Ayers and Kathy Hogan for helping to set up for the event.

We have several members working at the La Plata County Fair in various areas. Those who helped

in the Pomona concession were: Kathy Hogan, Sandy Valencia, Harry Greer, Cindy Greer. Roger and Sheryl Ayers were active at the fair in various ways as Sheryl is the Fair Board Treasurer and has many duties. Gretchen and Rusty Greer helped with the Horse show as Emmett and Henry are participants. Isaac Greer helped where needed. I'm sure there were others but We don't always get to see those in action.

Master Harry Greer challenged us to all think about what Marvel Grange might do that would attract younger people to become members.

Marvel Youth and Junior Grange

Our kids are all growing up and aging out of Junior Grange, so we've changed our grouping to include those who are youth age as we only have four who are still junior age. We tie dyed bandanas in July.

We met in June and made alcohol ink tile paintings. In August we plan to make some alcohol ink Christmas ornaments. After school starts we will have to see what day works best for the majority.

Cindy Greer



Ten flavors of homemade ice cream highlighted the event at Lila Greer's home with 70 in attendance.



152nd Colorado Grange State Session Tentative Agenda

152nd State Session of the COLORADO STATE GRANGE Program

All State Session Meetings and Exhibits will be held at the Douglas County Fairgrounds in Castle Rock.

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

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

Pianist: Ruth Wilson Francisco



Wednesday, October 1, 2025

- 4:00 p.m.
- Set up for meeting
- 6:00 p.m.
- Officers and Directors Dinner
- 7:00 p.m.
- Sixth Degree Practice
State Officers

Practice for Memorial Service to follow

THURSDAY, October 2, 2025

- 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, Gary Wardle
Report of Treasurer and Secretary
Report of Executive Committee chair
Preliminary Report of Good of the Order
Report of Leadership and Scholarship Foundation
Committee Reports
Guest Speaker: National Representative – John Benedik, National Overseer
- 3:30 p.m.
- Memorial Service under direction of Chaplain, Amy Peterson
Closing of the Grange
Family Activities Bake Sale
- 5-7:00 p.m.
- Door Prize Bingo (No charge) and Pizza (\$5.00 donation appreciated) *at the Meadows Grange Hall, 3692 Meadows Blvd., Castle Rock*
- 7:00 p.m.
- PICK annual meeting

FRIDAY, October 3, 2025

- 6:45 a.m.
- Colorado State Grange Alumni Breakfast – Presiding Larry Corman
- 8:45 a.m.
- Open the Grange in the Fourth Degree
Report of Credentials Committee
Elections of officers
Continuation of Committee Reports
- 11:15 a.m.
- Recess for Lunch
- 11:30 p.m.
- Membership Lunch, Past State FFA Officer speaking
- 1:30 p.m.
- Speaker – Steve Whitney, Topic: Insurance
- 2:30 p.m.
- Reconvene Session
- 7:00 p.m.
- Gala – Groovy Gala – flash Back to the 60’s & 70’s *SNACKS provided*

Saturday, October 4, 2025

- 6:45 a.m.
- Colorado State Grange Past Master’s Breakfast - Presiding: Roger Ayers
- 8:45 a.m.
- Open the Grange
Continuation of Committee Reports
- 10:00 a.m.
- Installation of Officer –
Spotlight on Grange –
- 12:00 p.m.
- JG Lunch,
Sign Language Interpreter speaker
- 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
- 4:00 p.m.
- FarmBox Foods in Sedalia at 4 p.m.
5389 Plum Ave., Sedalia, CO 80135
- 6:00 p.m.
- Annual Banquet of Colorado State Grange
Executive Committee Chairman: Roger Ayers presiding
Recognition of National Rep
Recognition of Outstanding Granger
Presentation of Quilts of Valor
Talent Showcase
- 7:15 p.m.
- Raffle Drawing

Fifth Degree Fee..... \$1.00
Sixth Degree Fee..... \$5.00
(Purchase tickets from State Secretary)

Lecturers, Family & Women’s Activities and J.G. exhibits will be on display throughout the convention.

Deadline for the
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Is October 15, 2024.

RESERVATIONS FOR MEAL FUNCTIONS FOR STATE SESSION

Deadline For Ticket Orders & Payment: September 24, 2025

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

Name:

No. of Tickets	Meal Function	Total
	Alumni Breakfast — Fri., October 3, 6:45 a.m.	\$12.00
	<i>Past State Officers and Directors & Spouses</i>	
	Membership Lunch — Fri., Oct 3, Noon	\$14.00
	brisket and pulled pork sliders, coleslaw, and potato salad	
	<i>Everyone invited</i>	13 and under @ \$7.00
	Past Masters Breakfast — Sat., Oct 4, 6:45 a.m.	\$12.00
	<i>For Past Masters & Spouses</i>	
	JG Lunch — Sat., Oct 4, Noon	\$14.00
	box lunch sandwiches, Cookies and beverages	
	<i>Everyone invited</i>	13 and under @ \$7.00
	Annual Banquet — Sat., Oct 4, 6 p.m.	@ \$20.00
	beef and lemon chicken with vegetables and potatoes, pie and beverages	
		13 and under @ \$10.00
	I Plan to take the 5 th and 6 th degree at State Session	
		5 th Degree \$1.00 each
		6 th Degree \$5.00 each
	TOTAL AMOUNT OF ALL MEALS & DEGREES INCLUDED	\$